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KARACHI (R) — Seven small bombs exploded across Pakistan's commercial capital of Karachi on Snnday, injuring seven people, officials said. "The explosions that occurred in Karachi this morniog were an act of terrorism. perpetrated by forces that do not want peace and security in the province of Sind," provincial Chief Minister Syed Muzaffer Hussain Sbah said. The government blamed the seven explosions within three hours just after dawn oo "miscreants and disgruntled elements." Police said no one had claimed responsibility.

Fuel shortage worsens in Sudan

KHARTOUM (AP) - A two-month-old fuel crisis, during which gasoline was strictly rationed, worsened this weekend when the government suspended rations for all vehicles except public transport mini-boses and airport taxis. The government cut regular television programmes Saturday night to announce that all private cars, trucks and motorcycles would not be given their weekly ration Sunday "because there are no recent period imports." The announcement said that the only vehicles to receive a weekly ration were public transport mini-buses and airport taxis. The financially strapped military government does not have enough foreign currency to pay for fuel. Gasoline shortages and rationing have occurred currency to pay for fuel. Gasoline shortages and rationing have occurred in Sudan before, but never to the extent that the government had to suspend the ration system. Over the past few weeks, mini-buses got a daily and not weekly ration. Mini-bus drivers sold the gasoline on the black market for up to 10 times the original official prices of 150 pounds (\$I) per gallon. In Cairo, opposition Al Wafd newspaper reported that Sudan's military strongman Omar Hassan Al Bashir visited Libya this week to get Libyan oil. But the newspaper reported that Libya refused to give Sudan any until it paid the U.S. \$200 million Sudan owes Libya from past oil bills.



Price: Jordan 100 fils; Saudi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirhams

Hizbollah: Obeid interview 'cheap blackmail'

BEIRUT (R) — The pro-Iranian Hizboilah accused Israel on Sunday Of

"cheap blackmail" by allowing the broadcast of an interview with detained Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid. The group charged in a statement in

Beirut that the Jewish state was torturing some 250 Lebanese prisoners held inside its self-styled "security zone" in South Lebanon and in Israel. held inside its self-styled "security zone in south Lethands and its self-styled "The "Voice of the South" radio station, mouthpiece of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia, said Friday it would broadcast an interview with Sheikh Obeid this week. It aired excerpts in which Sheikh

Obeid said he was being treated well. It said he had appealed for an

exchange of missing Israeli servicemen and Lebanese prisoners, but did not air this part of the interview. The radio has broadcast interviews with

Lebanese detainees every Friday for a month in which they have urged

Hizbollah 10 arrange an exchange. Sheikh Obeid, a Hizbollah official in South Lebanon, was kidnapped by Israeli commandos in the Lebanese village of Jibchii in July 1989. He has been held since then at a jail inside

Israel. Israel says it will release Sheikh Obeid and the other Lebanese

prisoners if a captured Israeli plane navigator, Ron Arad, and the bodies of five other missing soldiers are returned. Hizbollah said Israel was 10 blame for the failure of efforts to win the release of the prisoners.

TYRE (AP) — Israeli gunners and their Lebanese allies shelled

coastal waters near this port city Sunday, wounding a Lebanese

fisherman, police said. They said

Israeli troops and militiamen

from the South Lebanon Army

opened up on several fishing boats shortly after sunrise from a

hilltop position at Bayada. Bayada, 12 kilometres south of

Tyre, is inside Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone" in South Lebanon. Hussein Hijazi,

45, was wounded in the shelling,

which lasted about five minutes,

police said. Fellow fishermen

took Hijazi to a hospital in Tyre,

80 kilometres south of Beirut,

Algeria seeks itaiian

ALGIERS (R) — Algeria is to

ask Italy for information oo busi-

ness deals in which Algerians

might have been involved in cor-

ruption, particularly over a gas

pipeline linking the two coun-

tries. The official news agency

APS said at the weekend that

Prime Minister Belaid Abdul

Salam bad ordered the inquiry

after press reports of corruption

io Italy "probably implicating

Algerian nationals, during the

signing and execution of contracts

for a pipeline linking Algerian fields to Italy via Tunisia since the

start of the 1980s."

Russian forces in

Germany deny plot

BONN (R) - Former Soviet

armed forces still based in eastern

Germany Sunday dismissed as

nonsense a oewspaper report that

their officers were preparing a coup against Russian President

Boris Yeltsio, East Berlin's

Kurier Am Sonntag said officers

from Russia's Western Group,

actiog without the knowledge of

commander-in-chief General

Matvei Burlakov, planned to fly 2,000 elite combat troops to Rus-

sia to support Mr. Yeltsin's oppo-

nents. Asked about the newspap-

er report, a spokesman for the Western Group told Reuters:

"That is utter nonsense."

Sri Lanka violence

COLOMBO (AP) - Govern-

ment troops fought heavy artil-

lery and tank battles with Tamil

rebels during a new offensive in

the northern Jaffna province, the

military said Snnday. More than

40 Tamil Tiger rebels were either

wounded or killed in Saturday's

combat, and five soldiers were

injured, a military statement said.

There was no word from the

rehels belonging to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. The Sri

Lankan military regularly laun-

ches attacks in the rebel stroo-

gbold of Jaffoa, about 300

kilometres oorth of Colombo, but

has made little gains in a decade

Nawaz was poisoned

RAWALPINDI (R) - The

widow of Pakistan's former army

chief General Asif Nawaz who

died in January said oo Sunday be

had been poisoned in a political

murder. Mrs. Asif Nawaz made

ber allegation at a oews confer-ence, but was unable to say exact-

ly bow her husband bad been

killed or by whom. Gen. Nawaz,

56, died last January of a heart

attack during early morning exer-

cises at his bome in Rawalpindi,

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Israell shelling Israel to keep wounds Lebanese

indefinite closure of occupied lands

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM to Palestinians who lost the jobs, (Agencies) - The Israeli government voted 16-2 Sunday to keep the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip sealed indefinitely and sharply cut the Palestinian work force in Israel.

The cabinet adopted proposals by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin who believes a separation of the two peoples is vital to curb violence and win support among Israelis for future concessions in peace talks.

Two left-wing ministers voted against the plan, saying they back the idea of separation, but feel more aid should be given to the depressed Palestinian economy which suffered a further blow from the closure imposed March

Military brass have warned that the closure could breed more violeoce. The restrictions bar two million Palestinians from enteriog Israel, including 120,000 labour-

Palestinian peace negotiators complained that Israel unilaterally decided issues that should be negotiated in the Washington talks on Palestinian autonomy. "Rabin is imposing his vision of

the transitional period regardless of our views," said negotiator Ghassan Khatib. Israel's bawkish oppositioo also opposes a long-term closure, saying it is the first step towards Palestinian independence.

In a special session Sunday, the government decided to review the closure order from week to week and to give some assistance

said Energy Minister Amnon Rubinstein. He did oot specify the kind of aid.

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The money Palestinians earn in Israel makes np about half the income of the Gaza Strip and one-third of the West Bank.

The cabinet also decided to increase investments in the occupied territories to create jobs, and a special cabinet committee is to decide how much. One minister said proposals called for more than tripling the amount, from 130 million shekels (\$47 million) in 1992 to 488 million shekels (\$177 million) this year.

The money is to come from taxes and other deductions paid hy the Palestinians over the

In the meantime, up to 7,000 Palestinians will be given special permits to work on Israeli farms, and the government will subsidise job training of 20,000 Israelis this year. Most of the Palestinians work in agriculture and construc-

Environmental Minister Yossi Sarid of the left-wing Meretz Bloc said he voted against the proposals because they were too vague oo how to belp the Palestinians weather the closure.

"You are talking of a very poor and despairing populatioo ... in a week or two the flour sack will be empty and you have a situation which is dangerous to us securitywise, is a mistake politically and onbearable from a humaoe

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Hamas seeks aid for **Palestinians from Gulf**

eiman Al Khalid Reuter

AMMAN - The Islamic movement Hamas said on Sunday it hoped to increase funding and political support from Gulf Arab states for Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Hamas, the main rival of the secular Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), is seeking a resumption of aid to Palestinians in the occupied territories, sus-pended by Gulf Muslim charities because of the PLO's pro-Iraq stand during the Gulf crisis.

Hamas spokesman Ibrahim Ghosheb, who has just returned from Qatar, told Reuters the mission had been a success and he hoped it would be a prelude to other visits to the Gulf.

"We foresee iovitations by other Gulf states to further explaio Hamas's political and ideological aims," said Mr. Ghosheh, who met Qatari leaders including Crown Prince Sheikhr Hamad Ben Khalifa Al Thani. We hope the aid from Gulf

associations and societies will return to its former levels."

find it easier to improve its image in the Gulf because it was more explicit than the PLO in calling on Iraq to pull its troops out of Kuwait.

"We found good encourangement from our Qatari brothers for Hamas's performance in the occupied territories and the oeed to keep the Palestinian cause in the Arab and Islamic consience,' Mr. Ghosheh said.

Kuwait and other Gulf states forced tens of thoosands of Palestinian residents to leave after the Gnlf war, cotting off remittances which had helped support their families in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and Jordan. Gulf states also halted government aid to the PLO, plunging it into financial crisis. Saudi Arabia

recently allowed the resumption of private aid to the Palestimans. Hamas, which entered the limelight after Israel expelled 415 Palestinians to South Lebanon. most of them supporters of the movement, bas offices in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iran, Yemen, Sudan and Saudi Arabia.

Hamas sources say the expel lees are receiving financial and Palestinian officials and some political support from Islamic Arab diplomats say Hamas will groups in the Gulf.



Foreign pilgrims mark Easter as Palestinians remain under siege

citizens io Jerusalem this year,

Hanan Khouri, 22, a student from Nazareth, said as tourists

gazed at a procession of Francis-

can monks at the Church of the

Holy Sepulcher.
"People prepare themselves to

be happy, but inside they are sad.

Look, police are everywhere,"

she said, pointing to the church courtyard, "We will go and pray

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM Strip almost two weeks ago.

(AP) — Crowns of thorns were "We see more tourists than on sale in the market outside the church of the Holy Sepulcher for 10 sbekeles (\$3.60) for each twisted wreath Sunday, but pil-grims found they could bargain. The sale of the crowns and

other religious trinkets were part of the maze of the Easter season in Jerusalem as most Christians celebrated Christ's resurrection and the Greek Orthodox marked Palm Sonday. The pilgrims strolled by stalls

featuring the trinkets morning on their way to the church which tradition marks as the site of Christ's burial. A bag of frankincense cost five

shekels (\$1.80) and a Jesus quartz watch, with his face in the centre

was selling for 70 sbekels (\$25). Conspicuously absent from the Easter services were Christian Palestinians from the West Bank .experieoce. nd Gaza Strip because of a occupied West Bank and Gaza tioo - where Jesus was believed

quickly and go home. There is no sense of peace and safety." About 40,000 pilgrims came for Easter this year, Israeli officials Inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Orthodox Palm Sun-

day prayers were so crowded worshipers edged up stairways and had to grasp door knobs and bannisters to keep their balance. Still, many seemed awed by the A processioo of Catholic pil-

closure Israel imposed on the grims circling the Stone of Unc

xion - intersected with tour groups moving in the opposite direction. In their midst, a Greek woman busily wiped children's clothing on the oil-soaked stone slab as a blessing.

The chorch is shared by the Catholics and Greek an Armenian orthodox, and their varying chants, incense and costumes do oot give an impression of divine

"I wonder what Jesus thinks with all of this disunity," chuckled Barbara Valasik, a U.S. travel agent. "He must say to his father: What did I do?"

The Greek Orthodox, the

largest Christian sect in the occupied territories, celebrate Easter oext week. They appealed to Israel's high court Sunday to lift the ban so they can reach churches in Jerusalem. *Christians also have relatives

over the West

Clinton reportedly scaling back Bush programme to oust Saddam

Iraq voices disappointment with U.S. response to offers

NEW YORK (Agencies) — The Iraqi government and make life Clinton administration plans to difficult for President Saddam. scale down the Bush administration's covert programme to overthrow Iraqi President Saddani Hussein, according to a published

The new administration bas decided that much of the money spent on the programme was misdirected to groups with no popular following, and that too much has been spent oo leaflets and other propaganda devices that bave not had much effect, the New York Times reported in Sunday's edition.

The Times gooted unidentified government and administration officials as saying they will try to make less money do more to-

The changes are part of an

ambitious and systematic review of all the covert programmes the Clinton administration inherited from the Bush administration, the officials told the Times. The Central Intelligence Agen-

cy (CIA) runs the Iraqi programme, the oewspaper said. President George Bush hoped

the Iraqi military could be encouraged to foment a coup against President Saddam, and be authorised a \$15 million covert plan to oust him in 1991. The programme was expanded to \$40 million last year.

Officials said the Clinton administration might cut the \$40 milwards trying to destabilise the hon programme by about half.

Administration officials were not immediately available for comment on the New York Times

President Saddam offered Mr. Clinton what be described as a truce after the U.S. president took office in January. American warplanes patrolling "no fly" zones over northern and southern Iraq had encountered no opposition since just after Mr. Clinton's inauguration until last Friday.

The United States said its planes were fired on from the ground over northern Iraq on that day. Baghdad denied any ground fire and said the planes engaged in unprovoked bombing. Iraq said Sunday it was dis-

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meet Wednesday TEL AVIV (AP) — Israeli Prime

Mubarak, Rabin to

Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will meet in Egypt Wednesday to try to put Middle East peace talks back on track. Mr. Rabin's spokesman said Sunday. Tentatively such a meeting is

scheduled and now we are just waiting for an official announcement from Egypt," Rabin spokesman Gad Ben-Ari told He said the meeting would take

place in Ismailia but added Egypt had to make the formal announcement because it initiated the summit.

In Cairo, Mubarak spokesman Mohammad Abdul Moneim initially confirmed the summit would take place on Wednesday in Ismailia. He then said Ismailia, Alexan-

dria, and Sharm Al Sheikh on the Sinai coast were all under consideration as venues, and later revised his statement again to say the day had not been finally set but the meeting would be before the end of the week.

Egypt, suggested the summit while Mr. Mubarak was in Washington to meet U.S. President Bill Clioton this month. it will be the second meeting between the two since Mr. Rabin took office last July.

Israeli officials have said they are confident Mr. Mubarak does oot want to pressure Israel for

how to revive the talks, stalled since Mr. Rabin expelled 415 Palestinians to Lebanon on Dec.

The United States, which convened the negotiations between Israel, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinians in October 1991, has called for them to resume in Washington on April 20. Palestinians had demanded the return of all the expellees and an

Israeb pledge not to expel any more Arabs in future before they return to the talks. Israel will not make any oublic gestures to coax the Palestinians back to the talks other than its

offer to take back 101 of the exiles immediately and the rest by year end. But at the weekend a solution. at least in part, seemed to glim-

mer on the horizon. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said on Friday there was a proposal to admit Faisal Ai Husseini, a Palestinian leader from East Jerusalem, to the talks.

Mr. Husseini, overall the coordinator of the Palestinian peace team, has been barred from the negotiating table by Israel in the past for fear his presence would raise the issue of Arab East Jeru-Mr. Peres said Mr. Husseini's

participation would not raise the

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Sunday by telephone from Tunis,

headquarters of the Palestine Li-

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ns since 1967.

On Saturday, Israeli army

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Rantisi: Palestinian team behind expulsion "We need Israel to reschedule

MARJ AL ZOHOUR, Lebanon (AP) — A spokesman for the the timetable of the return of all nearly 400 Palestinian exiles the deportees." Mr. Husseini said stranded bere accused the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace talks of engineering beration Organisation (PLO). their expulsion from the Israelioccupied territories.

Abdul Aziz Rantisi, a Gaza- Al Zohour, Israel has expelled physician who speaks for the ex- about 1,500 West Bank and Gaza chief adviser to the Palestinian peace delegation, an "outright

Dr. Rantisi's verbal attack came a day after Mr. Husseini said the repatriation of all the exiles was not a condition for Palestinian participation in the peace talks scheduled to resume

April 20. army radio had been distorted.

We want Israel to immediately start the repatriation of all those Palestinians it expelled since 1967," Mr. Husseini said

Sunday when contacted by the Associated Press. A compromise on the Mari Al Zohour exiles, who were expelled nearly foor months ago, seems to be the repatriation of 20 talks and an accelerated pace

radio asked Mr. Husseini if the return of the Mari Al Zohour exiles was a condition for Palestinian participation at the next peace talks. Mr. Husseini, speaking in the Hebrew he learned during impris-

onment in an Israeli jail, responded on the Israeli broadcast: Mr. Husseini, meanwhile, said "We say that all the people the meaning of bis remarks should return. We want it and it broadcast Saturday on Israel's will be good, but this is not the condition.

He told the AP on Sunday that Palestinian leaders should meet in Tunis and decide whether to attend the peace talks.

The nearly 400 Palestinians at
Marj Al Zohour were expelled

from the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Dec. 17 after the killings of six members of Israeli security forces. The deaths were blamed some of the men before the April on the Muslim fundamentalist

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Pakistan holds militants linked to Egypt attacks

a large number of Egyptian Mus-lim militants, including masterminds of attacks on tourists, a militant lawyer said on Sunday. The lawyer in Cairo, in contact

charged with plotting attacks on tourists in Egypt. The lawyer, who requested anonymity, said Muslim groups in Peshawar were urging Pakistan not to bow to American, Egyp-

tian and Arab pressure to hand over the militants. Al Sharq Al Awsat newspaper quoted unnamed sources in a report from Islamabad Sunday saying Pakistani police had discovered telephone numbers militants were using to send instruc-

tions to their cells in Egypt. Police in Peshawar have arrested more than 200 people from Libya, Egypt, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq and Sudan in the past few days in a drive against what the Pakistani government has described as suspected terrorists. Later 133 people were released (see page 2).

Some of those arrested had masterminded attacks against tourists in Egypt over the past year, the London-based Arabiclanguage paper said. But it did

Egypt's vital tourist industry which had generated revenues o some \$3 billion a year before going into a tailspin.

rendering suspected militants to Egypt but it had asked them to leave its territory. Pakistani and Egyptian diplomats said the two countries had no effective ex tradition treaty.

their respective governments, has said it will vet about 3,000 Arab. drawn to Peshawar by the 10-yea Afghan war. Egyptian security officials bave

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condemoed to death last year wbom officials referred to as "the returnees from Afghanistan," an. fugitives and are believed to be sheltered in the circuit.

of Egypt's militant group, A

Palestinians to discuss elections, compromise with U.S. officials

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Palestinian legislative elections in the occupied territories and the finalisation of a "package of statements and commitments" will be discussed with U.S. officials during a visit by a Palestinian delegation to Washington in the next 48 bours, a senior Palestine Liberation Organisation official said Sunday. Dr. Haidar Abdul Shafi will

lead the Palestinian delegation to the talks with senior members of the U.S. State Department, the PLO official said on condition of anonymity.

The possibility of legislative elections in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza will be discussed during talks in Washington," said the PLO official, speaking to the Jordan Times in a telephone interview.

A 180-seat legislature will be discussed by the Palestinian delegation with American officials, the sources said.

The Palestinians will stress the need for such a selfgoverning infrastructure in the interim period of self-rule, the official said. But the topic of legislative elections will only be one in a number of priority issues for the Palestinians in

The list of issues on the agenda, Palestine Central Council (PCC) member Saleb Raafat said, will be expected in simultaneous announcements by the Palestinians, Israelis and Americans.

"An (Israeli) commitment oot to resort to deportation of Palestinians will be at the head of the agenda," he said.
According to PLO sources,

statements and gestures expected to come from the Israeli government before and immediately after the scheduled resumption of talks April 20 are expected to include 1) repatriation of some 130 to 150 exiles in southern Lebanon; 2)



repatriation of some 40 to 50 Palestinian "personalities" expelied since 1967; 3) a commitment oot to resort to the expelled of any more Palestinians: 4) a release of a large number of Palestiniaos jailed for intifada-related incidents; 5) a scaling-down of the Israeli military presence in Palestinian cities and towns, and 6) a statement committing the Israeli government not to use collective punishment such as the destruction of bomes. Another "essential" issue to be included in the Palestinian-

firmed linkage between the ioterim and final stages of the peace talks. "We have always insisted that these two stages must be organically linked, while the Israelis waot to separate

them," Mr. Raafat said.

An anonuncement of the acceptance of such a linkage may be made by the Israelis in the statements which the PLO says Israel will make prior to the schedoled resumption of Arab-Israeli peace talks April

"We hope to be able to come to an agreement oo an agenda with the Israelis so that we don't spend this next round arguing about the ageoda again," Mr. Raafat said.

The Palestinians will insist that the linkage between the agreed upon and the principle on withdrawal from all areas occupied in the 1967 war be accepted. American talks will be the con-

Dr. Abdul Shafi will remain the head of the bilateral negotiating team for the Palestinians even after Fasial Husseini becomes an official member of the negotiating team, a senior PLO source said from

"Haidar Abdul Shafi will be

the head of the bilateral team.

Mobammad Hallai will be the

overall head of the multilateral team and Faisal Husseini will be the bead of the negotiating team as a whole," said the official. The Palestinian delegation which will be led this week to Washington by Dr. Abdul Shafi will include negotiators Saeb

Erakat, Nabil Kassis, Suad Al

Amari, and Ghassan Al Kha-

CAIRO (Agencies) - Pakistan, not say how many. under U.S. pressure, has arrested The attacks have devastated

The Cairo lawyer said tha with colleagues in Peshawar, said Pakistan has refrained from sur police were holding 15 Egyptians

> Pakistan, accused of sbeltering militants plotting action agains

for guerrilla operations inside Egypt who they say move in a circuit of safe bases in Iran Peshawar and Afgbanistan. Seven out of eight militant

The newspaper said two of the militants' messages sent to Egyp carried instructions to member

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Pakistan to deport Arabs

eight Arabs waiting to be de-ported Saturday sat inside a filthy old hall once used for weddings. angry about their impending ous-

"Pakistan cares only what the United States wants, not what Muslims want," said Jordanian Abdul Quddus, accusing Pakistan of selling out to the United States, fearing it might be declared a terrorist state.

Last week, Pakistan launched a police crackdown to flush out Arab nationals living in the country illegally.

Several Arah countries, including Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Algeria, claimed some of their fundamentalist Islamic foes had found sanctuary in Pakistan or next door in Afghanistan, where they had fought with U.S.-backed insurgents to overthrow the old communist regime."

Pakistan is now trying to iden-tify the Arabs they have in custody, said Masud Shah, police

inspector general.

Those wanted for criminal offences at bome will be extradited and the others told to leave the country, he said.

"They are here illegally. They cannot stay," he said. But some of the Arabs, living welcomed them as brothers-inarms, say they feel betrayed.

Mr. Quddus, who said be would be arrested and jailed if he tried to return to Jordan, fought for four years in Afghanistan with renegade rebel chief Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

"We thought we had a golden opportunity in Afghanistan to create a Muslim state. We were fighting not just for Afghans but for all Muslims," he said.

Mr. Quddus said he will now take his dream of an Islamic revolution to Bosnia-Herzegovina, where he hopes to establish an Islamic state.

Others, he said, will go to Africa or Tajikistan, where the pro-communist government is battling Islamic militants.

One young Arah militant, who refused to give his name, said hewould return to his home in Algeria and join the Islamie Salvation Front.

"Sooo, very soon I will leave and go bome," he said. He, too, had fought with Mr. Hekmatyar. "No-one said anythiog about them before because then it was for a nohle cause," said Mr.

Thousands of Arah militants were attracted to Pakistan to fight in what they considered a holy war in Afghanistan, Mr. Shah

said about 2,800 are still to Pakis-

Some fundamentalist Arabssay Pakistan is a puppet and the United States is pulliog the strings.
"This is an American opera-

tion. We are oot criminals, we are not terrorists," said Ghassam Andulusi, a tunisian visitiog his brother in the converted wedding hall deep in the heart of Peshawar's old city.

He screamed at an American journalist: "This is an American conspiracy. You have come here for control.

Bot Mr. Shah said the crackdown was two months in the

planning. This was something we had to come to grips with. They cannot justify their staying any longer, he said, referring to the rebel victory in Afghanistan last year. "The jihad is over."

In Dhaka, Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif told a regional summit Saturday that Sooth Asian countries must protect fundamental rights and fight religious fanaticism.

"We must protect the fun-damental rights of oor oationals without discriminations. We must counter menace of religious fana-ticism and intolerance," be told a

were literally floating down the river," said U.S. Marine Colonel Buck Bedard, who visited Bar-Afghanistan haven for militants dere Saturday with the commander of U.N. forces in Somalia, Turkish General Cevik Bir.

> of people getting back onto their feet," said Col. Bedard. Since 800 U.S. Marines rolled into Bardere on Christmas Eve, the death toll has dropped to between 10 and 12 a day, oow mostly from disease rather than

BARDERE, Somalia (R) — At the height of the Somali famine,

250 people were huried every day

in the southern village of Bar-dere, but oow the U.S. military

hails the dusty outpost as its

"When we arrived, hodies

"This is the true success story

success story io Somalia.

starvation. The village now has a hustling market and crops are being planted in preparation for the first rains.

Aid agencies say the emergency phase is largely over and de-

work is beginning in Bardere, which has a population of about 15,000,

In a meeting with village elders, Gen. Bir praised the local community for their success in Bardere and assured them there would be no change when U.N. forces take over next month.

There will be no gap during the transition. Only the faces and uniforms will change," Gen. Bir

About 15 men of the new police force greeted the Turkish general, fresh in uniforms delivered a day earlier.

The police station, on the hanks of the Joha River, is rudimentary. Prisoners are held in a rusty bloe shipping container, with four postcard size holes carved out for air.

Police chief Captain Mohammad Abdi told Reuters petty theft was the majo crime but his men had been successful in apprehending murderers.

Murder is dealt with harshly and Capt. Abdi said one man was shot last month. Another execution is due in the next few days. U.S. Marines have adopted an orphanage in the village and built a school and a playground for the 750 children there.

Gen. Bir's bodyguard handed out ballnons and candy while Coi. Bedard carried a child on his shoulders during a tour of the

orphanage.
"The Marines have made our lives much better now. The children have food and we live in peace," said Yousef Mohammad. the chief of the village.

Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Sullivan, who controls a reduced force in Bardere of 350 Marines, said the area was oow free of weapons, "We haven't found one weapon in over 35 days," he said.

Two hoodred Botswanan troops are due to take over Bardere in the cext few weeks as part of the handover to U.N. forces.

MANOEUVRES IN GULF: American army personnel train during trilateral American-Kuwafti-British naval exercises in Kuwait (AFP photo)

Somalis rebuild lives in Bardere

velopment and reconstruction

in this wild frontier city that once

By Sharon Herbaugh The Associated Press

KABUL -- Abduallah Azeem's hold war did not end the day rebels overran the Afghan capital. It becam a wider struggle.

Mr. Azeem and other foreign Islamic fighters oow want to use Afghanistan as a hase from which they can spread their faith to other corners of the world.

To the Afghan government and officials in Cairo, Mr. Azeem is part of a disturbing movement they fear is turning war-scarred Afghanistan into a training centre for "ter-

rorists,"
"We are in no burry," the 26-year-old Egyptian said in an interview in the crumbling hovel in soothern Kahul he sbares with three Arabs. "We do not think about minutes, days, weeks or months. Our cause will last a lifetime."

Like thousands of other devout young Arabs. Mr. Azeem was recruited by outlawed groups in the Muslim World to belp fight the boly that invaded Afghanistan in

Diplomats say an estimated 10,000 recruits from at least 20 countries poured into the rebels' hase camps in neighbouring Pakistan. They came from countries in the Middle East and Africa, from the Philippines, Indonesia,

India and even China. Trained by Pakistani military intelligence agents, they fought ferociously and brave-

ly during the 14-year war. The United States and other oations which helped the rebels believed the foreigners would drift away once the Red Army withdrew from Afghanistan in 1989.

But the hattle-hardened zealots emerged more militant than ever. Months before his ouster on April 16. 1992, President Najihullah warned that Afghanistan was becoming a "terrorist"

After his government col-lapsed, some foreign veterans left Afghanistan and tried to destabilise secular governments at home their fight for Islam to Julier

battlegrounds - from Algeria to western China. But many, like Mr. Azeem, remained in exile be-

cause their lioks with outlawed groups like the Egyp-tian-based Muslim Brother-hood and Gamaa Al Islamiya made them targets for arrest

if they returned home. From the day it took power, the struggling Islamic government has threatened to expel all foreigners without valid passports and visas.

"We cannot allow these terrorists, these mercenaries to fight the Islamic govern-ment," President Burhanuddio Rabbani said in an interview. "It will only bring more sorrow on the nation and the people of Afghanistan woo't tolerate it.

The problem has also surfaced in neighbouring Pakistan, where thousands of Arabs bad mustered for the war in Afghanistan. Pakistan's interior minister, Shujaat Hussein, says Arabs who are in Pakistan illegally and are found to bave lioks with underground organisations will be deported.

Arabs in Pakistan complain that they are being persecuted.

In Afghanistan, ernmeot's power extends only to the Kabul city limits, if that far, and the warnings of a crackdown bave been

Young men wearing the hlack-and-white beaddress of the Palestine Liberation Organisatioo (PLO) stand guard at checkpoints in western Kabul, where two rebel groups have been battling. Hundreds of militants

aligned themselves with the radical Hezb-e-Islami faction headed by Prime Ministerdesignate Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. His forces fought for nearly a year to oust Mr. Rahhani, and dozens of Pakistani and Saudi fighters died in the fighting, military sources said.

The majority of foreign Arab militants are believed to be in eastern Afghanistan, diplomats and government officials said.

The government of Kunar province is controlled by the Salaffis, once one of Islam's most tolerant sects. But the Salaffis emerged from the war as fanatics. Often refer-__ to by residents as "the Islamic emirate of Kunar," the provincial government has imposed a strict way of life io which opposition is considered heresy aod punishable by death.

In Nangarhar provioce, foreign militants are sus-pected of killing four U.N. workers, including a Britoo. and a Dutchman, who were dragged from their vehicles and shot last January. The proviocial government arrested I7 Arah suspects hut released them after they agreed to move their hase camps away from the main highway, controlled by Hezbe-Islami

Rebel sources say Nan-garhar's capital, Jalalabad, is believed to be the Afghan headquarters of Gamaa Al Islamiya, the group linked to the I98I assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and to U.S.-based Sheikh Omar Abdul Rabman, whose alleged followers are suspects in the World Trade Centre bombing.

Mahmoud Ahu Halima, the former New York City taxi driver from Egypt accused of being the master-mind of the bombing plot, fought in Afghanistan.

Gamaa Al Islamiya was believed to be one of the best foreign units that fought in the war against the Soviets, and its soldiers included the Sheikh's two sons.

The group has about 200 members in Jalalabad. One of its leaders is Mohammad Islambouli, whose hrother was banged in I982 for leading the team that assassinated Sadat, Mr. Islambouli said the group would cootinue its boly war against the Egyptian government.

Diplomatie sources say Arah influence also is expanding to northern Afghaoistan, where weapons and ammunition are being smuggled to Muslim militants across the border in the former Soviet republic of Ta-

In an impassioned plea last month, Mr. Rabbani urged Muslim countries to stop militants from coming to Afgbaoistao and hegged them to allow those already here to return home. He also appealed to Mr. Hekmatyar to stop using foreign militaots to try to unseat his govern-

Mr. Hekmatyar had a terse reply: "There are no foreigners in Afghanistan."

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Southern Somali port still simmers

KISMAYU (AP) — The U.S. Marines and the Belgian troops wish the rainy season would burry up and start, as it usually does this time of year.

True, it is tougher to manoeuvre through boggy roads and fend off mosquitoes the size of dragouslies. But it is the best chance to hoy time while trying to cool the tempers of rival clans who bave been battling for control of this southern port city of 160,000 people.

Kismayu remains one of Somalia's most intractable problems. It is steeped in factional rivalries brought to a boil by what is basically a property dispute. Sit down with either side for a

half-hour and come away convinced that their claims to particular homes or properties are geouine. Each can trace traditional ownership for generations. "There are deep-scated animo-. sities. It's a very difficult and emotional issue," U.N. special

envoy Admiral Jonathan Howe said after a visit to the regioo Thorsday. "It's not going to be solved in a few days or a few Kismayu looked to be on the track to peace last month, when clan elders met face-to-face. The militias of Colooel Omar Jess and

General Morgan, turned in small arms and weapons-mounted vehi-A U.S. army contingent handed over cootrol of the Kismayu district to the Belgians on March 5. Thirteen days later, they had to.

Mohammad Said Hirsi, known as

They left again, but when trouhie broke out once more, more than 2,000 Marines went ashore March 25 as a show of force. They were supposed to stay two

days. They are still here. The Red Cross pulled out temporarily last week and other agencies curtailed operations after Jess supporters sought refuge at the Red Cross, the Medicins Sans Frootiers hospital and a former police compound. They were evacuated by the Belgians as Morgan supporters swarmed outside.

Two grenades exploded inside the Red Cross compound, and a hand-lettered cardboard sign there were uncoofirmed reports, that read: "Belgium troops well of 15 dead at the police come to hell." pound.

mayu has shifted from Col. Jess to Geo. Morgan since foreign troops arrived in December to safeguard food deliveries. Some 350,000 Somalis died last year from civil war, famine and dis-The foreign troops vehemently

deny charges of favooritism. Military officials say Gen. Morgan's tactics, honed at the National Defence University, run by the U.S. Defence Department in Washington, D.C. served him Most of Jess sopporters have fled or beeo evacuated to towns

hlaokets on the floor of a makesbift hospital, or Gooh Weyne, where vultures roost in the acacia trees. "Jess is trying to regroup," said Brigadier-Geoeral Raymood Keymeuleo, commander of the Belgian forces. "He won't suc-

and villages to the north - like

Barca, where the wounded lie on

ceed. He doesn't have enough support, enough weapons. Morgan is the winner." Adm. Howe got a taste of the

tension in his first trip to the

He was cheered by a crowd of more than 300 Morgan supporters inside the city. But an angry group of more than 100 Jess backers threw stones at Adm. Howe's convoy as he left a meeting with olders io Jelib.

The Belgians fired a warning shot as the crowd became unruly,

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pushing in towards the soldiers while chanting: "We don't need Belgians, we don't need Amer-

"We try to keep peace in your land," countered Sergeant Oliver Sevestre, one of the Belgian troops. In response, a man raised

Sgt. Sevestre took out his peo The balance of power in Kis- and filled in the "i" in "Belgium.'

Australia will withdraw its contingent of 900 troops from Somahis oext month despite appeals from the United States for them to stay, Foreign Affairs Minister Gareth Evans said Suoday.

would be replaced by a smaller number of logistic support and headquarters staff. He said Australia had been pressured by U.S. Vice-President

Senator Evans said the troops

Al Gore, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Colin Powell, and senior United Natioos officials to keep its troops in Somalia. (The pressure) was as heavy as I've ever experienced... but

when I made clear what is nature of our commitment was, how we were pretty stretched with peacekeepiog operations else-where, that was well understood," Mr. Evans told the Nine Television oetwork. Australia's battalion is part of

the U.S.-led moltioational peacekeeping force in Somalia. The Australian government made it clear when it sent the troops in January the battalioo would return home in May.

Australia also has 500 peacekeepers in Cambodia and smaller oumbers of troops in the Western Sahara, the Middle East, Pakistan and elsewhere.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

iraq says refugees hurt at Saudi camp

NICOSIA (R) — Iraq said Saturday that Iraqi refugees at a camp in northern Saudi Arabia had fought Saudi guards with clubs and knives and many refugees were wounded. The refugees bad staged a demonstration and burnt down a building and some shops in the camp market, the official Iraqi News Agency said, quoting travellers from Saudi Arabia. The agency, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, did oot say when the incident took place and Saudi officials were not immediately available for comment. The camp at Rafha, close to the Iraqi border, bolds about 28,000 Iraqis, some of them former prisoners-of-war who refused to go home after the Gulf war over Kuwait. The others took refuge in Saudi Arabia after fighting in southern Iraq between the Iraqi army and Shute Muslim rebels. The Iraqi agency said the Saudi authorities sent two armoured battalions of the National Guard to the camp after the disturbance and imposed a curfew. It did not say wby the refugees had demonstrated.

Gulf states donate money to Guinea worm programme

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arah Emirates (UAE) and Saudi Arabia have donated more than \$12 million to a programme run by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter to combat the guinea worm disease. Mr. Carter told a news conference in Ahu Dhabi Saturday that the UAE has contributed several million dollars and Saudi Arabia up to \$7 million to the programme in India, Pakistan, Latin America and 17 African countries. "We are attemptiog to eradicate guinea worm disease from the face of the earth...by 1996," Mr. Carter said. The Emirates News Agency said UAE President Sheikh Zaved Ben Sultan Al Nahavan had donated more than \$5 million to the Carter Centre in the U.S. state of Georgia, which runs the programme. Guinea worm larvae are transmitted to human victims through contaminated water. They grow inside their human hosts and emerge through the skin, creating painful sores. Mr. Carter said the five-year-old programme cost about \$25 million a year. Guinea worm infections decreased to two million this year from 10 when the programme started.

Bosnian president wins Saudi prize

DUBAI (R) - Saudi Arahia awarded Bosnian Muslim Presideot Alija Izetbegovic the King Faisal International Prize for his services to Islam. The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said the \$93,333 prize was given Saturday in recognition of Mr. Izetbegovic's Islamic efforts and in appreciation for his jihad stands." Saudi Arabia has been at the forefront of Muslim countries providing humanitarian and financial aid to Bossian Muslims fighting Serb forces in Bossia-Herzegovina. Saudi Arabia started granting the King Faisal Prize, worth 350,000 riyals (\$93,333), io 1981 to Islamic scholars and leading scientists. So far, 80 scholars from 26 countries, including nine Americans and nine Britons, have been awarded the prize. Winners, who this year included a French woman scientist, also receive a 22-carat gold medal. This year's winners included Egyptian sociologist Hassan Al Sa'ati and a three-member Freoch team involved in AIDS research named as Luc Montanier, Françoise Sounousi and Sherman Jean-Claude. SPA said the physics award was shared between a German and an American scientist - Herbert Walter of Munich University and Steven Chu of Standford University, California.

7 arrested in UAE for drug smuggling

DUBAI (R) - Six men and a woman have been arrested in the Gulf emirate of Dubai io the past month on drug smuggling charges, a newspaper reported Sunday. Gulf News quoted security sources as saying a British woman with a forged passport had been arrested with four kilogrammes of heroin while transit through Dubai. The British embassy was not available for comment. The English-language daily said the woman told police a Pakistani bad giveo her a bag to carry to Turkey. The daily said a total of 14.17 kilogrammes of beroin and 122 kilogrammes of hashish were confiscated in another five cases involving three Pakistanis, two Tanzanians and a Maoritanian, "All'suspects were detained at the Duhai police headquarters and will be charged with smuggling and possession of drugs," the daily said: Similar cases in the past have carried jail sentences of around 15 years.

Pajestinian kilis four over family honour

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) A 55-year-old Palestinian from the occupied Gaza Strip killed four members of his family after rumours spread in his village that they had violated the family's honour, news reports said Sunday. Abdullah Suleiman's Taaban from the village of Zawaida turned himself in after killing a daughter, son, daughter-in-law and son-in-law Thorsday, Arah newspapers said. He told police "he felt good after cleansing the family oame" the Arab reports said. The Israeli oews agency Itim said he told police that villagers had talked about the four engaging in group sex that involved incest. The reports did not make clear if there was any truth to the rumours. Mr. Taaban tied up his daughter Hanna, 19, son-in-law Mohammad Taaban, 22, and daughter-in-law Ahlam Taaban, 17, and questioned them for several hours before strangling them, the Arab reports said. Later he fatally stabbed his soo Akram, 21. In an another crime, a 40-year-old West, Bank Arab recently released from a mental institution killed his son and three nephews by throwing them into a well Saturday, Arah papers reported. The man fled from his village near Kalkiliya but was arrested at an Israeli army roadhlock, the papers said. The victims were ages 11/2 to 5.

Egypt cuts fees on tourist boats in Suez

ISMAILIA, Egypt (R) — Egypt, trying to revive its tourist industry, bas cut fees for cruise ships using the Soez Canal which stop in Egyptian ports, Soez Canal Authority Chairman Moham mad Izzat Adel said. Mr. Adel told Reuters late Saturday the cuts of 35 per cent in passenger boat fees, requested by Tourism Minister Fouad Sultan, would take immediate effect and would be reviewed at the end of May. Only ships which stopped io Egyptian ports would be eligible. Egypt's \$3 billioo tourist industry, a vital foreign currency earner, has been devastated in the last six months by attacks by militants fighting to overthrow the government. Officials have estimated losses so far at op to a billioo dollars. Hotel managers reported occupancy rates of about 40 per cent in March, down hy about 50 per cent on last year. The fee cuts were unlikely to give more than a marginal boost to the industry, which hosted three million tourists last year. Canal sources said 45 senger ships used the canal in 1992, and 41 ships in 1991.

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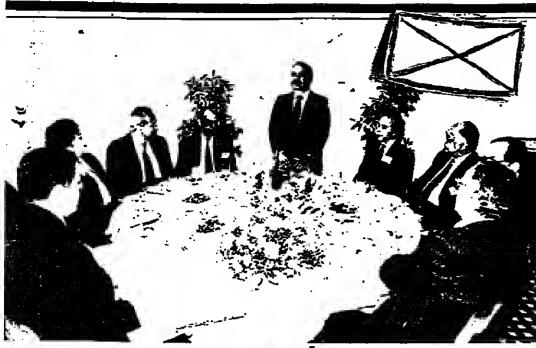
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His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Regent Sunday hosts a breakfast for members of the Arab Thought Forum (Petra photo)

Crown Prince urges formation of Arab advanced studies federation

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Regent, in his capacity as chairman of the Arab Thought Forum, (ATF), hosted a breakfast for the participants of the Human Development in the Arab World Seminar organised by the ATF and the United Nations Development Fund (UNDP).

The Crown Prince addressed the gathering briefly and discussed with them the progress their seminar has achieved.

Prince Hassan stressed in his address the danger of emphasising Arah particularism over the universality of the shared objectives of those concerning themselves with the "buman condi-

In this context, the Crown Prince referred to the United Nations human coodition report, and the importance of a graduated Arab approach in the implementation of the sum total of the report's component parts.

Prince Hassan pointed out the conspicuous absence of an important element in the buman condition report when referring to

He referred in particular to the disparity that exists between Israel and its Arab neighbours and the importance of dealing with that issue despite the fact that the

removal of disparity does not

mean the removal of political cootradictions.

His Royal Highness also stressed the need for a coherent and focused "Arah message" in the bumanitarian work being carried ont today.

The Arab voice must become an active part of the universal

who work in the Swiss embassy in In his context, Prince Hassan Cairo, were visiting Jordan on called on the members of the holiday. They were driving oear ATF to consider the establish-Shobak in a hired car when the meet of an Arab Federation of gunman tried to flag them down. Institutes of Advanced Studies to They did not stop and the bring together the various efforts gunman fired. Bernardino Sciolli, the Swiss being carried out throughout the ambassador to Jordan, said Ms. regioo and focus them on the Amacher was in good condition and would be able to go home in three days. "she is recovering very well," he said. issues at hand.

Sharif Zeid reviews labour issues with Arab ministers attending meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Sooday met separately in his office with the ministers of labour of Egypt, Syria, Sudan and Yemeo to discuss the outcome of the Arab Labour Conference, due to end Monday, and to review Jordao's cooperatioo with their countries in laboor-related affairs.

Egyptian Minister Asem Abdul Haq said that Jordan played an instrumental role in the success of the conference and laying the foundation for the oext steps in

cementing pan-Arab ties.

Ali Khalil, the Syrian minister, expressed bope that the Animan genuine solidarity among Arab

In saying that Jordan was attaching great importance to its relations with Syria, Sbarif Zeid added that Jordan boped its en-deavours together with those of Syria would serve the higher national interests.

At a meeting with Sudan's Minister of Labour Dominic Casiano, Sharif Zeid said Jordan would pursue its endeavours to serve Arab causes.

The Prime Minister also met

Yemeo's Minister of Labour Abdul Rahman Diban and voiced Jordan's total support for Ye-

meeting would opeo the way for men's drive towards initiating democracy and achieving socioeconomic development. At Sunday's session, Arab

Labour Organisation (ALO) Director General Baker Mobammad Rasoul delivered a short address in which he said the wide range of discussions during the meeting, the pan-Arab strategy on employment and other important topics tackled by the delegates would bring forth a new stage of inter-Arab cooperatioo.

He added that the Arab countries should belp the Palestinian working women and corroborate their role in the on-going resistance to Israeli occupatioo.

Road accidents are on the rise

AMMAN (Petra) - Director of and promote awareness and mortality, let alone the partial the Ministry of Health Depart- knowledge among citizens," Dr. and permaneot disability caused ment of Public Health Advance- Maabreh said. ment Mamoun Maabreb Sunday said road accidents account for 3.7 per cent of the total deaths in

the Kingdom. Addressing a symposium on prevention of road accidents on bebalf of Health Minister Aref Bataineh. The symposium is held to mark World Health Day.

Dr. Maabreh stressed the importance of public awareness in reducing the number of such accidents and the resulting deaths

and injuries. It is our shared responsibility to curb such aecidents, define

Regent visits GHQ, air force

AMMAN (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown

Prince Hassan, the Regent, Sunday visited the

armed Forces Headquarters and met with Chair-

man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Lieuteoant

General Abdul Hafez Mirai, the chief of staff, for

land forces, assistants to the chairman of the Joint

Chiefs of Staff and the Armed Forces inspector

general. Prince Hassan congratulated Gen. Mirai

on his new post, wishing him success io carrying cut his new responsbilities. Prince Hassan also

discussed with bim a number of issues of interest to

the Anned Forces. The Crown Prince also visited

the Royal Jordanian Air Force headquarters,

where he met with the Air Force chief the chief of

staff for a while.

Also addressing the symposium Brigadier Annad Al Dmour of the Public Security Department (PSD) said road accidents are on the increase, despite all efforts made by the department to reduce them.

He said the number of car aecidents last year totalled 20,970, resulting in 388 deaths and 10,676 injuries.

Dr. Ahmad Barmawi, chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the celebration said accidents and their complications are a major bealth problem, since methods and means of preventioo, .they constitute a major reason for

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

to some victims and the great financial burden it places on the country's economy.

Participants discussed the role of the Ministry of Health in preventing road accidents and occupational diseases.

They also discussed the role of the Civil Defence Department in dealing with injuries caused by road accidents and the use of fire

Khatib, said two-thirds of the country's population was illiterate in 1960; today Jordan's illi-The symposium is beld by the Ministry of Health in cooperation with the Royal Medical Services, teracy rate stands at 16 per cent. an accomplishment of the com-Public Security and Civil Depulsory educational programmes for all children of the Kingdom, be added.

> But, the paper noted, that among the current illiterate. females account for double the oumber of males. Between 1974 and 1985, the

per capita income in Jordan greatly improved but it seriously decreased between 1988 and 1991, the paper continued. During the same two periods, it

said, the Kingdom's population grew by 44 per cent, which meant a decrease in the per capita income rate by 30 per cent. Noting that from 1992 econo-

mie growth surged to 11 per cent in Jordan, Dr. Khatib pointed out that the growth of population followed the increase in the rates of unemployment and the emergence of a large gap between the rich and the poor.
In the last decade, Jordan wit-

nessed the elimination of the so-called middle class, as the rates of poverty increased leaving only a minority enjoying most of the country's wealth, Dr. Khatib maintained.

He also said, the increase in populatioo in recent years was not only a result of fertility but rather because of migrations following developments and con-

flicts io the region. Referriog to other imbalances, Dr. Khatib said individuals' iocome vary from one Jordanian governorate to another and be-

tweep men and women. Such differences are negative indicators and should be gradually eliminated, Dr. Khatib main-

tained.

The seminar, which was organised by the Arab Thought Forum (ATF) in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) was attended by academics, intellectuals, writers and other scholars from the Arab World.

UNRWA to levy fees in Jordan

Agency staff decide to launch action to support demands

By P.V. Vivekanand

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

Police hold

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on tourist

AMMAN (R) - Police have

arrested two men for an attemp-

ted robbery io which one of them

shot and wounded a Swiss woman

tourist, official sources said on

Anna Amacher, 34, a secretary

of the Swiss embassy io London,

was shot in the shoulder on Fri-

day near the historie city of Sho-

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The bullet used matched the

Ms. Amacher, a secretary from

Bern, is recovering well from the shoulder injury at Amman's Al

Hussein Medical Centre and will

be discharged in the next few

days, doctors said. She and ber two colleagues,

None of the three women bave

diplomatic status, he added. Mr. Sciolli and officials ruled

out any political motive for the

attack, "It bas nothing to do with

politics. This (snggestion) is nonsense," the ambassador told

Illiteracy

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By Lima Nabil

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - A working paper

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Arab Region Seminar in Amman

pointed to the sharp decline in

Jordan's illiteracy rate over the

last 30 years and noted other

The paper, submitted by for-mer Minister of Energy and

Mineral Resources Hisham Al

significant achievements.

pistol carried by the key suspect,

who is in his early 20s.

AMMAN — The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestice Refugees said Sunday it would start levying token charges for health services and part of education services it offers to Palestinian refugees in Jordan with effect from July 1.

Dennis Brown, director of UNRWA affairs in Jordan, said the move was aimed at addressing the estimated \$28.5 million deficit in the agency's \$300 milion budget for this year.

bak in southern Jordan. The two men, ooe of whom fired a pistol, bave told police The agency, which offers they were drunk and were trying health, education and social to rob Ms. Amacher and two services to about 2.6 million other Swiss women travelling Palestinian refugees in the Middle East, will also be "Both will be sent to court levying fees from its benefisoon and tried oo charges of attempted robbery," the source ciaries in Syria. Those in the occupied territories and Leba-

non will be excluded. We hope to raise half of the actual deficit through these fees," Mr. Brown told the Jordan Times. "The commissioner-general (of UNRWA) is hopeful that the other half could be addressed through contributions" from donors, he added.

Adel Irsbeid, head of the Department of Palestinian Affairs at the Foreign Minis-try, contacted by the Jordan Times, declined comment, saying be would not make any statement over the phone. Bot Reoters quoted Mr. Irsheid as voicing Jordan's opposition to the UNRWA

"... We insist on our position which is that we reject any proposals to reduce UN-RWA services because the agency is obliged according to its mandate to care for re-fugees until the Arab-Israeli

crisis is resolved. The official was also quoted as saying by Reuters that his department was not officially informed of the UNRWA

Mr. Brown said: "There will not be any reduction of UNRWA services, but there will not be any increases

He said the issue was discussed at a recent meeting in Vienna of a UNRWA advisory committee and representatives of countries hosting Palestinian refugees.

The UNRWA official said the agency was planning to levy 500 fils per patient per visit to its clinics in Jordan, but "special hardship cases on emergency welfare programmes, pregnant women and children under three will be exempt."

In education, the levy will be limited to the agency's two vocational training centres in Amman at the rate of \$25 per school year for day scholars and \$10 a month for boarding students, be said.

The two centres offer train-

ing to 1,600 students.

Mr. Brown estimated that the agency would be able to collect \$250,000 from the health services levy and \$60,000 to \$80,000 from vocational training centre.

UNRWA spends JD 62 million for its programmes in Jordan, which hosts nearly 1,011,000 Palestinian refugees registered with the agency, with 234,000 of them living in

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Employees of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine Refugees in Jordan decided Sunday to stage a one-day strike on Wednesday

to press their demands. A meeting held at the UN-RWA Vocational Training Centre in Wadi Seer also decided that the strike would be followed by further unspecified action if the agency did

not respond to their demands. A statement issued at the end of the meeting voiced protest at a UNRWA decision not to grant any salary increases this year.

During the meeting, which was attended by 137 out of 140 members representing the agency's different councils. speakers crincised what they said was a slow reaction of UNRWA unions in Jordan to new measures adopted by the agency, including a levying of fees from certain bealth and education sectors with effect from July 1.

They also criticised the un-ions for what they saw as weak reaction to an episode involving 'insulting remarks' made by a senior UNRWA official against Palestinian leader

Yasser Arafat. The comments referred to were made by Angela Williams, director of Social Services of UNRWA, at a meeting in Amman two months

Mrs. Williams, responding to a formal complaint filed hy UNRWA union officials, sent a letter of apology to the

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said Ahmad Askar, a member of

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while they remain working in the

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to Arab World to allow the

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countries and temporary resi-

He said there are 15,000 Soma-

Their working conditions are

will be approved.

the Somali delegation.

signatories of the complaint, and the UNRWA beadquarters said the matter was

closed Ibrahim Al Akhras, president of the General Services Committee, said: "The insult (against Mr. Arafat) was an

irresponsible act and the apology is not sufficient." In Sunday's meeting be said the "apology" was not suffi-cient since it was addressed to "individuals rather than the

Palestinian people." On other issues, Mr. Akhras said the new measure of levying of fees from UN-RWA health and eduction services was limited to Jordan.

"It is a question of politics and not of budget," he said. "This policy is applied only in Jordan. They (the agency) describe Syria as an emergency

But Dennis Brown, director of UNRWA affairs in Jordan, sai. the new measure of levying of fees for health services — with certain exemptions — and partial educa-lion services was applicable 10 Syria also, while Lebanon and the occupied territories were excluded (see separate story).

Mr. Akhras said a decision by

UNRWA to reduce employees would affect 42 per cent of the staff; 2,383 members out of the There was no immediate con-

firmation that the agency was planning termination of em-

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Akhras, Mohammad Mheisan, president of the UN-RWA Teachers' Committee. Abdul Rahman Hamdan, president of Manual Workers Committee, and Nayel Abu Saliyeh, representing staff at the general headquarters of the agency.

Kuwait to back full rights of Arab workers'

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Federation of Kuwaiti Workers (FKW) will fully support the rights of those who have sustained losses as a result of developments in the Gulf and will help them regain these rights, according to Abdullah Al Baker, chairman of the FKW who is taking part in the Arab Labour Conference in Am-

The federation, be said, would particularly work towards restoriog the rights of those who used to work for Kuwaiti government ministries, organisations and public sector firms.

Reports in the Jordanian press last week quoted several Kuwaiti delegates, including the head of the official delegation to the labour conference, Mohammad Shabnan Al Shamer, as saying that their country was committed to granting all previous em-ployees their full rights.

The papers quoted Aquel Ahmad Jasem, director of the Kuwaiti Chamber of Industry, as saying that the aim of Kuwait's participation in the Arab Labour Conference was to contribute to the re-establishment of pan-Arah solidarity, and as a goodwill ges-ture, Kuwait will be ready to grant workers of various nationalities their full rights.

Somalis voice disappointment say Arabs failed to help them The Somali delegation submit-By Sausan Ghosbeh between Iraq and Syria are closed, and Jordan is not allowing ted four requests to the confer-

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A Somali delegation took the opportunity of the Arab Laboor Conference to voice their disappointment over the Arab inactioo to address the problems of the Somali people. "Our prime reason for attend-

ing this conference is to bitterly portray the Somali people's opinioo of the observer position their Arab bretbreos took," said Abdullah Taher Yusuf, bead of the Somali delegation to the labour conference in Amman in his speech before the Arab dele-

"Brethrens, foreign countries helped us and you did not. They came to aid Somalia before you did, despite the spiritual and special difference between us and them," he added. Mr. Yusuf, the director of the

Arab Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Mogadishu, operates mainly out of the United Arah Emirates at present. He explained that currently,

the only "functioning govern-ment offices are those outside Somalia."

represents Somalia as a country and not just one of the factions.

Mr. Yusuf maintained that be

dence if needed. The Arah countries closed their doors in our faces ... except

fired any day.

for Yemen" and it became easier for Somalis to live in Western

countries than to enter or pass through an Arab country, Mr. Yusuf maintained. He stated that there is no

passage out for the Somalis in

The third request, be said, is t exempt Somalia from dues owes to the Arab Labour Orga nisation (ALO), revealing the this exemption would be an ir dication of moral support.

He explained that the borders

Somalis into its borders at the

Mr. Yusuf said he understand

that Jordan has economic difficul

ties, but, if Somalis reside u

Jordan, he clarified, their sta

will be payed for by the United

Nations High Commissioner to

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to Mr. Yusuf, is to train Somal in professional centres in diffe rent Arab countries.

Mr. Askar, a businessman, sai the Somali delegation "did no want to impose heavy demand.

and their requests were within th circle of the cooference's ow

capacity. He added that in meetiogs "

the government level, we m: propose some form of politic and economie assistance.

The infrastructure of Somalia totally "destroyed" the Som.! delegates concurred. To rebuild it, Mr. Askar sai.

there needs to be peace, stabil: and a form of functional gover

Jordan, Russia to settle partial debt

mentation of an agreement signed by Jordan and Russia last October, the two sides exchanged documents whereby Jordan will sell Russia 52 million worth of

Jordanian products during 1993. An official announcement Sunday said the two couotries exchanged the documents Saturday through the Ministry of Finance m Jordan and the Russian Ministry of Foreign Economie Rela-

According to the statements, Jordan will despatch the products in partial repayment of its deht to

Under the terms of the agreement, Jordan will sell the following: \$6 million in chemical products and paint, \$7 million in drugs and medical appliances. \$1 million in car tyres and lenses for

cigarettes, \$1 million in batteries. \$7 million in detergents (including soap and shampoo), \$12 million in garments, \$8 million in electrical appliances, \$2 million in children's products, \$3 million io lemons, and \$3 million io tomato

Russia's imports of Jordanian

goods rose from JD 10 million in 1990 to JD 17 million in 1991, while Jordan's imports from Russia in the same period rose from JD 12.6 million to JD 19 million. Under the protocol signed by the two countries for the settlement of nearly \$1 hillion in debts

Russia might need for its markets

due to Russia, Jordan is to pay its dues in cash and goods. The two sides, earlier this year, compiled a list of products which

as part of the settlement deal,

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Hmoud Abu Rumman

Undergraduate wins 2 distinction awards

JABER, a Jordanian senior student at Indiana University in Bloomington specializing in Management Information Systems and Decision Science at the School of Business Administration won two awards of distinction in an all-student competition.

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He also won the Senior Scholastic Award for his achievement as the top student



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Art exhibition entitled "The Legend of Petra II" by artist Suha Shoman at the National Gallery for Fine Arts. ★ Exhibition entitled "Re-creation" by Jordanian, French and Iraqi artists, inspired by a sculpture by Iraqi artist Mohammad Hussein Abdullah, at

Phoenix Art Gallery.

the French Cultural Centre. ★ Exhibition of a children's drawings at the British

Art exhibition by Samia Al Zaru and Adnan Yahya at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Founda-

at Baladna Art Gallery. **LECTURE**

★ Lecture "Recent Discoveries on the Citadel Hill

☆ Art exhibition by Syrian Artist Lujaina Al Aseel

WHAT'S GOING ON of Tell Al Husn" by Dr. Pamella Watson at the

Friends of Archaeology Centre at 7 p.m.

Princess Basma reviews Zarqa health services

ZARQA (Petra) - Princess Basma Sunday visited

the Zarqa government hospital where she was briefed by the bospital director, Mamoun

Maghaireh, on the services offered to citizens. Dr.

Maghaireb said the hospital provides health ser-

vices to 750,000 citizens. The hospital, be said,

includes 260 beds, in addition to 30 beds in the

intensive care and dialysis units. Dr. Maghaireh

added that the hospital includes 30 specialised clinics covering 15 medical majors. Last year the

hospital treated 22,000 patients, and handled 10,000 surgeries, in addition to 7,000 maternity.

cases, he said. Princess Basma toured the chil-

drens' and internist wards and the dialysis unit.

OPERA

★ H9L9"Budapest Spring Festival" opera concert at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8 p.m.

FRENCH FILM WEEK

☆ French film entitled "Un Dimanche A La Campagne" at the Zarqa Chamber of Commerce at 7 p.m.

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★ English language seminar for English language teachers about "Writing as a Process: From Guided to Free" at 5:30 p.m. at the British

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ditorial article a few days ago, a right-wing Israeli rights record. The Jerusalem Post attempted to cast in the sincerity of this country in its pursuit of every and buman rights. Of all reasons, it seized on a : reported; made by the new French minister of and welfare, Simone Veil, not to attend a recent i on human rights held in Amman under the unship of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan al allegedly because she discovered at the last minute dan does not allow any person to enter the country

repassport bearing the stamp of Israel. the basis of this proposition, the newspaper went to rous lengths in demanding Jordan's commitment to

cy and human rights. her the Israeli story about Ms. Veil's cancellation of to Jordan is true or not, it cannot and should not y bearing on the Kingdom's human rights record ar commitment to pluralistic democracy against ed formidable odds both domestic and external. It ave escaped the attention of the editors of the Post, .--minded Israelis that there is still a state of war Israel and Jordan and because of this war regime, intries have imposed a string of constraints on all i relations between the two states, including the hips between their peoples. It is always hoped that e ongoing peace process comes to fruition, many · ill change between the two neighbouring countries, 3 perhaps, current legislations banning the entry of ationals with passport bearing the stamp of Israel. . a an existing impediment, and any similar ones, be seen as reasonable cause to suspect Jordan's s efforts to reintroduce democracy in a meaningful

the record streight. Jordan embarked on its path pluralism and human rights a couple of years at ore the region ever heard of the Gulf crisis. To Jordan's march towards democracy as a calcuky aiming to recover its losses in the West in the 's of the Gulf war in 1999-1991 is obviously a : raus lie and a serious misrepresentation of historic-It so happens that the U.S. State Department the human rights records of all countries on an asis. Had the Post bothered to examine the most up late Department report on human rights, it would ave discovered that Jordan, unlike Israel, is mentioned as a human rights violator. If Washingtion is not sufficient for the Israeli press, then they to the international reports on the human rights worldwide. Again Jordan's human rights record untarnished and clear of any reference to serious ights violations. Israel, on the other hand, is the if international scrutiny and the object of many Nations reports condemning its human rights tot only within the West Bank and Gaza Strip but

et is that Jordan is deeply and irrevocably i to parliamentary democracy and human rights. 1989 parliamentary elections, which were held in freedom, the country made great strides to deepen ess of democracy and plant new seeds for it re in the Jordanian life. No one is claiming that the ias reached the end of the road and that there is All to be done. On the contrary, there is a great deal 2. but at least we are trying and registering success

people in Israel are obviously concerned about propagenda that Israel is the only democratic n the Middle East. For this purpose, newspapers ast are only too prepared and too eager to say bout us. Their attempts can only fail, because the 2 future obviously does not lie with the Likudnii s

MC PRESS COMMENTARIES

Arabic daily said Sunday that there was no need for the ies to hurry to the peace negotiations with Israel. The of holding the ninth session is not important at this stage Palestinians are involved in fierce resistance against the a forces, what is more important is the continuation and tion of resistance in the occupied Arab lands, said the e Americans and the Israelis are drawing the Arab negotiations which could be futile and result in nothing . I the paper. What is of our concern now is not the peace rather the mobilisation of the Palestinian forces in tion with the Zionist forces in Palestine, the paper Such a mobilisation, continued the paper, is bound to is a israeli military arsenal and abort American-Zionist as and alliance. The escalatison of violence and the up of resistance is something the Israelis and the had rever thought would emerge after long years of a, but it turned out that the intifada bas now started to first chapter of the demise of the Jewish state in he paper pointed out. The paper said that the situation me row resembles that which existed during the or then the Americans were anxious to hold negotiathe Vietnamese to end the conflict and were met with stones on the ground while the negotiations were in Peris, said the pape. As the U.S. Israeli alliance c desire towards resuming the peace negotiations in aid the paper, the Arab parties in general and the ran count sensulo parsue their concerted efforts ise efforts to defeat the Israelis on the ground.

Weekly Political Pulse

By Waleed Sadi

Shadow of hawkish Likud cautions tactical discretion

IHE election of the hawk Benjamin Netanyahu as leader of the Israeli Likud party gives me some shivers not only because of his outlandish views on the Arab-Israeli conflict and the basis for its resolution but also because of the high probability that the next Israeli general elections could take place much sooner than 1996.

Mr. Netanyahn is on record as against any meaningful territorial compromises with Syria on the Golan Heights and totally against any Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza Strip on the grounds that they are part and parcel of "Eretz Israel"! Translated into real terms the minute the Likud reassumes power in Israel, the Arab parties in general and the Pelestinians in particular might as well kiss the peace process goodbye and start realigning their perspectives with regard to the available means to liberate their territories from Israeli occupation.

If this analysis holds water, then the Arab side, especially the Palestinians, should stop campaigning for the return of the Likud to power by changing the style of their diplomatic and armed efforts during the reign of the incumbent Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in a bid to decelerate the resurrection of the Likudniks at the expense of the Labourites. This is not to suggest that the Arab side, including the Palestinians, must entertain any false illusions about the sincerity or willingness of Mr. Rabin and his government to withdraw from all the Arab territories on the basis of U.N. Security Council

resolutions 242 and 338. Most probably, Mr. Rabin could be forthcoming and accommodating when it comes to the Golan Heights but not at all reasonable on the occupied Palestinian territories. This is where Syria and Palestine may part company on future strategy be it related to the bilateral peace talks or to any other means that could be contemplated for the liberation of occupied Arab lands.

Damascus obviously has a clearer stake in keeping Mr. Rabin in and Mr. Netanyahu out for the simple fact that the former offers a reasonable degree of mutual accommodation while the latter would mean the end of all thoughts and bopes for a peaceful resolution of the occupation of Syrian territory. For the Palestinians, the difference between the two Israeli political parties is less clear and more nebulous on the key ingredients that are necessary for the settlement of the Palestinian case. Lately, however, Mr. Rabin has been making some noise about accepting the application of Resolution 242 to the West Bank and Gaza Strip and, in the process, suggesting that territorial compromises over the West Bank and Gaza be at least not ruled out. In so doing, Mr. Rabin appears to be considerably more promising than his Likud rival Netanyahn. Coupled with the fact that the Labour Party has made several moves in the direction of dealing with the PLO bead on, there is cause to believe that even for the Palestinian dimension of the Arab-Israeli conflict the Labour Party is

substantially more reasonable than the Likudniks when it comes to the ongoing search for a permanent and just solution to the Palestinian question.

Against such a backdrop, the Arab side has a vested interest in changing their diplomatic and armed style against Israel with a view to keeping the Rabin government at the helm and the Likudniks away from the centre of power for as long as necessary. But are the Palestinians doing that or the opposite in the articulation of their positions and implementation of their policies vis-a-vis Israel at this critical time when the peace process is about to resume?

If the widely beld view that at best there is no real difference between Mr. Rabin and Mr. Netanyahu, and at worst, the Labour Party had done more barm to the Arab side than the Likud continues to dominate Arab thinking, then the Arab side could very well end up having what it has bargained for — Mr. Netanyahu or likeminded raelis at the belm even prior to the 1996 general elections. Should this be the case, there is every sign that the peace process, which is already anemie, will die in no time. This does not mean that the Arab parties should simply accommodate Mr. Rabin and his government on the fundamentals of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Rather, it is a prescription for using discretion wisely and effectively in the pursuit

The Netanyahu paradox

By Haim Baram

Binyamin ("Bibi") Netanyahu, 43, won the Likud leadership contest overwhelmingly, garnering 52 per cent of the vote; and defeating his arch-enemy David Levy who only got 27 per cent. Begin and Moshe Katzav, managed only negligible support.

This has been the ugliest inter-

nal election in Israel's history, involving allegations of sexual blackmail, telephone tappings and even a mysterious videocassette purporting to illustrate Netanyabu's infidelities. The Israeli police, dubious private detectives of the worst possible kind and equally obnoxious aides and sidekicks stoked the fire of hatred between the former foreign minister David Levy, and his former deputy Netanyahu. Mr. Levy was described by Mr. Netanyahu on Israeli TV as a "mafia-type senior politician, sur-rounded by criminals." Mr. Levy fought back courageously, and "Bibi's" allegations are apparently groundless, but nothing could prevent his sensational showing in the elections.

For the first time in Likud's history, the leader was elected by the rank and file members in American-style primaries. Some 142,000 out of 216,000 registered vote on March 24, and the next day Mr. Netanyahu celebra: ed his victory at an open air raily, chanting empty slogans and succeeding, as usual, in saying absolutely nothing in a lenginy



Binyamin Netanyahu

Mr. Netanyahu was born in Jerusalem to an extreme-right family, staunch supporters of the Irgun and Menachem Begin. This avid charmins did not prevent the family from emigrating to the U.S. when Bibi was 14. He returned at 18 to serve in the army, following his legendary older brother's footsteps. Youni Netanyahn was killed during the hostage rescue operation at En-tebbe in 1976. Bibi served in his borther's elite commando unit. plete his masters degree at MIT parties, Moledet and Tzomet, in Boston, befriended by the Likud ambassador to Washington, Moshe Arens. When Mr. Yitzhak Shamir formed a rightwing government it 1990, Mr. paralysis. Netanyahn became Mr. Levy's

deputy at the foreign ministry. Mr. Levy, who does not speak English, detested Bibi, and forced him to flee to the prime minister's office in 1991, after boycotting the Madrid peace conference because Mr. Shamir and Mr. Arens insisted on giving Mr. Netanyahu, their protege, a lead-ing role in putting the Israeli case to the international media.

The victorious Netanyahu is far from being secure in his official title as Likud chairman. Mr. Levy, whose 27 per cent support came mainly from the Likud strongholds in the development towns and poor neighbourboods, has announced his refusal to accept the verdict, and snubbed the new leader vociferously and publicly. The police probe, due to end on April 2, may prove to be a new Pandora's box, and Mr. Levy is likely to give vent to his deeply embedded feelings that the Likud election was twisted and distorted by Mr. Netanyahu's allegations against him.

The energetic new leader tried to ignore these internal obstacles, and managed to work out a truce between himself and Mr. Levy's influential brother, Maxim, the mayor of Lod and a leading figure among young social politicians. He also summoned, on March 29. is of the extreme-right and the National Religious Party, in order to reorganise the opposi-tion against Mr. Rabin's government, after nine months of virtual

Mr. Netanyahu is very wary,

not only of Mr. Levy. He knows that Ariel Sharon, who wisely avoided the leadership contest, is hirking behind bim, waiting for his first serious blunder. Mr. Levy, Mr. Sbaron and Mr. Benny Of the three principle contenders Begin, who despise each other, now have a common vested interest in tripping up the new leader. They will aim at undermining bim and to force new primaries before the next general

Hardest of hardliners

election in 1996.

Mr. Netanyahu, on the other hand, harbours a completely different scheme. He hopes to bring down the Rabin govern-ment over the issue of internal security, and to lead his party to an early election victory. The latest series of shootings and stabbings in Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip during March constitutes, ironically, good fidings for a demagogue like Mr. Netanyahu vho promises to stamp out terrorism without any territorial concessions to the Arab countries and the Palestinians, which

sounds just like Mr. Sharon. Mr. Netanyahu, the sweet "reasonable" poses on the TV screens notwithstanding, is by far the most radical expansionist and Arab basher in Likud. He su ports the death penalty for Palestinian guerrillas, and seeks every opportunity to subvert the Camp David accords. He was enthusiastically supported by the best known extremists in the Israeli political arena, including official position of Washington,

Guela Coben and her anti-Camp David son, Tzahi Hanegbi, a ikud MK and Netanyahu aidede-camp.

Hence the amazing paradox.

for Likud's leadership (Mr. Katzav was an also-ran), Mr. Netanyahu and Mr. Benny Begin were the most committed to the cause of Greater Israel, and oppose any territorial concessions whatsoever, Mr. Levy is reputed to support an agreement with the Syrians on the Golan and Camp David style self-rule for the Palestinians. On human rights, Mr. Begin is opposed to the death penalty and mass deportations, and be once portrayed the inclusion of the Moledet party in Mr. Sbamir's coalition as an "abomination" (1990). Mr. Levy is normally silent on such issues, in order to mollify his usually hot-

beaded constituency. Mr. Netanyahu comes out worst on both issues. He is openly militarist, expansionist, and very barsh as far as buam rights are concerned. He has the mentality and bearing of a right-wing senator from Alabama; contemptuous of the Third World, believing that "terrorism" can be eradicated only by brute force, refusing to recognise the connection between oppression and uprising, nationalist to the core, a proregime in South Africa, a strong supporter of Israel's alleged nnc-

lear deterrent. But Mr. Netanyahu, whose policies, pronouncements and beliefs are the furthest from the

was elected because the mainstream Likud supporters feel that he can "explain" bis anti-peace platform to the Clinton adminis-tration and the American people! His heavily accented American ... English, and his general air of a middle class U.S. politician from TV soap operas, endeared him to the Likud electorate. Since the principal ambition of the average Likud voter is to humiliate the Arabs without losing even the tiniest bit of American aid. Mr. Netanyahu was conceived as the ideal choice.

And a new president

Liberal observers, duly dismayed by Mr. Netanyahu's election to the chairmanship of Israel's largest party, drew some comfort from the success of the Labour Party's candidate, Ezer Weizman, who was elected by the Knesset to be the seventh president of Israel on March 24. Mr. Weizman, ex-RAF pilot and Likud hawk who switched to the dovish wing of Labour, is very popular among semior Egyptian leaders and seeks an accommodation with the PLO. But despite his teputation as a maverick, his role as president is strictly limited to ceremonial functions. He may, hopefully, irk Mr. Rabin occasionally but his principal function ous renditions of his undoubted charm. A cruel society, with Mr. Rabin and Mr. Netanyahu as principal leaders, and the lovable but powerless Weizman to sweeten the bitter pill - Middle East International.

Some experts question whether sanctions work

By Arthur Allen

UNITED NATIONS - From its carpeted chambers on the East River in Manhattan, the U.N. Security Council has upended millions of lives in the past two years with edict upon edict in-

tended to punish pariah states. Washington has led the way as the council used economic sandtions on Yugoslavia, Iraq, Haiti and Libya, among others.
U.S. officials now are weighing

sanctions against North Korea for its refusal to permit inspections that might reveal a nuclear weapons programme.

But rather than hitting the

seats of power, the blows sometimes land on the heads of the humble: In Port-Au-Prince, Belgrade and Baghdad, the wages of sinful governments are paid by citizens struggling to keep fed, clothed and healthy amid growing shortages and soaring inflation.
The major goals of the sanc-

tions — the ouster of Saddam Hussein, peace in Bosnia, the return of an elected Haitian president - have not been achieved. 'a. fact, sanctions may have belstered the regimes in Iraq and

Some specialists in international relations question whether the Security Council, no longer hindered by superpower confrontation, has administered its tough judgments without thinking deeply enough about their effects.

Others, such as John Chipman, scholar at the International Institute for Strategic Affairs in London, believe sanctions are worthwhile and necessary despite their unintended victims. Expecting sanctions to topple

Mr. Chapman said. In his view, it is enough that they build international consensus against tyrannical regimes. Economic sanctions are never

leakproof and there is no evi-

dence they alone ever brought a

tyrants is "too tough a standard."

government to its knees. Fidel Castro's Cuba has persevered for decades under a strict U.S. trade embargo, even managing to hang on after losing its allies in the former Soviet bloc.

The tight embargo on Iraq bas caused malnutrition and the spread of disease among the people, who bave no say about whether Saddam Hussein complies with U.N. resolutions pas-

sed after the Gulf war in 1991. Enough supplies get through to keep the economy afloat, bowever, and Saddam Hussein's inner circle bas found ways of obtaining luxury goods from Jordan, Tur-

key and Syria. Saddam Hussein seems strong enough to remain in power, but U.N. monitoring of his weapons programmes makes him less of a threat to his neighbours, said Hans Binnendijk, director of the Institute for Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University in Washington.

In Haiti and Yugoslavia, trade strictures bave created an unsavory culture of smugglers, procurers and black marketeers while the poor must barter and scrounge for basics.

If sanctions do not seem to

work, wby does the U.S. government continue to pursue them?

There's a frustration, a sense that you must do something, Mr. Binnendijk said. "Economie sanctions are a tool that is easy to reach for. There's hope that, through combinations of politics and magic, it might work."

that the end will justify the

Mr. Chipman noted that the U.S.-imposed trade and investment embargo of South Africa in 1985 led to widespread layoffs of black workers but also contributed to the white government's decision to begin dismantling apartheid. The black workers suffered

And there is always the bope

the most, but it was they who stood up and said, 'we think it's a bloody good idea'." he said in a telephone interview. Some of Mr. Chipman's specialist colleagues consider South Africa a misleading example. While the government of 1985

was no democracy, it was accountable to the white, voting population, they point out. Many whites opposed apartheid either for moral reasons or because they saw it leading the country to ruin. No sueb accountability exists

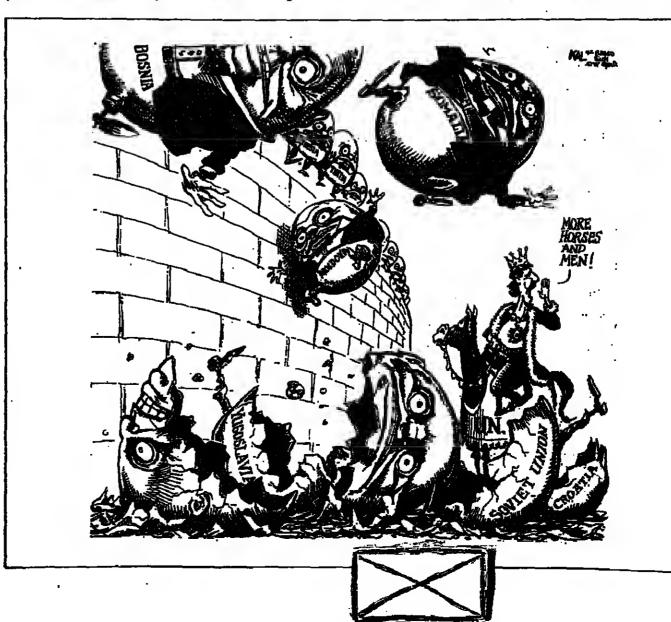
in, for example, Iraq and Cuba. There, the governments use suf-fering to drum up hatred for foreigners. Even dissidents oppose the 30-

year-old U.S. economic embargo of Cuba, according to a report in March by the U.N. Human Rights Commission. Referring to a decision of the

U.S. Congress in November to tighten the embargo, the report called economic sanctions 'the surest way of prolonging" human rights abuses on the island. Historically, economic sanctions have seldom worked, said Gary Hufbauer of the Institute for international Economies in ternational Economics in Washington.

Freezing Panama's bank assets did not drive out President Manuel Noriega, he said, nor did China ease its human rights policies in response to sanctions imposed after the June 1989 massacre of protesters in Tiananmen Square.
To oust Mr. Noviega, the United
States finally invaded Panama in

"We haven't found the magic trick in moderating foreign governments," Mr. Hufbauer said.



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(Continued from page 1) view." Mr. Sarid said after the Bot Mr. Rubinstein, also from Meretz, said the closure was

occided to cosure security and progress in peace talks. In March, 13 Israelis were killed by Palestinians, several of them labourers, and the public outcry for a crackdown threatened to undermine support for the negotiations.

The closure has been effect for

two weeks in Gaza and a week and a half in the West Bank. It prevented the 65,000 Christians io the occupied territories, a third of whom are Catholics, from reaching Jerusalem for Eas-

Israeli troops also raided Nusseirat refugee camp in the occupied Gaza Strip Sunday, rounding up all the men and rocketing a house, Palestinians said. Troops shot and wounded five Palesti-

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closure has prevented them from

beiog together for the holiday," said Marwan Tubasi, presideot of

the executive committee of the Greek Orthodox community.

The road connecting the northern and southern halves of the

West Bank runs through Jeru-

In Vatican City, Pope John Paul II greeted 50,000 faithful on

the steps of St. Peter's Basilica on

Easter Sunday saying the season

of Christian Joy was tempered for

him by wars in the former Yugos-

"How can you he silent today

— a day of peace — in the face of

fratricidal struggle that bloodies

the Caucasus region, in the face

of the atrocious drama which is

being played out implacably in

Bosnia-Herzegovina?" the Pope

Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups,

to which most of the exiles belong.

The fundamentalist groups

oppose the peace talks with

the Israelis which started io 1991.

Palestinian delegation to the talks

does oot represent the expellees

or the people of the West Bank"

trust the Palestinian delegation to

speak for us," Dr. Rantisi told

has been coordinated with the

Palestinian delegation and what is

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before the expulsion," Dr. Ranti-

"We are aware that Husseini is

si said without elaboration.

"We did oot and will not en-

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Dr. Rantisi insisted that the

lavia and Soviet Union.

Israel extends siege of occupied lands

nians in the strip. Israel lifted a three-day curfew on Khan Younis town in the Gaza Strip Sunday after raids ended. Palestimans reported dozens of

Palestinians said troops clamped a curfew on Nusseirat before the pre-dawn raid for Palestinian activists on Sunday. The raid continued throughout the day with troops rounding up all men aged 15 to 60.

Palestinians said soldiers destroyed a house with rockets and shot and seriously wounded destroyed a house with rockets and shot and seriously wounded Mohammad Dokhan, 21.

Military officials said Dokhan was shot when he fled from troops while carrying a Kalash-nikov automaoc rifle. Dokhan was wanted for attacking soldiers. rockets at houses where they say they suspect wanted men are

Israeli troops sometimes fire Pilgrims celebrate Easter

pleas for the combatants to come

to terms, the pontiff used his

traditional Easter address to beg

for an end to the war that has left at least 134,000 dead or missing.

with sorrow, I yet again turn to

each ooe of you — stop the war,"
the Pope pleaded in his speech
"Urbi et Orhi" (Latio for to the

city of Rome and to the world).

unspeakable cruelties which are

violating the dignity of man and which offend God, just and

On the day marking Chritian-ty's most Joyful day, the resur-

rection of Christ, the Pope asked:

Who will be able to say: I did

er themselves extraneous to such

a tragic affair, which is humiliat-

playing a major role in this scenario," he added.

the officially recognised leader of

the Palestinian negotiators when

the talks resume under a com-

promise worked out by the Un-

ited States, according to American and Israeli media reports.

In effect, he already is the leader of the Palestinian team,

but he has not been allowed to sit

at the negotiating table because

Israel rejected the participation

of Palestinians from Arah East

Asked if he will head the

Palestinian team at the April 20

talks, Mr. Husseini said Sunday:

"The issue was raised ... hut it is

up to the Palestinian leadership

Mr. Husseini may emerge as

'No-one will he able to consid-

merciful Father."

not know?"

sked. ing Europe and is risking the After two years of repeated future of peace."

Rantisi says expulsion was engineered

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"Put an end. I beg you, to the

"Leaders of nations, men of goodwill, with my heart swollen

"Receot remarks by Clinton and (Secretary of State Warren) Christopher along with the latest provocative air attack by allied warplanes all embody the fact

Clinton said to scale down Bush plan

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appointed that the Clinton admiits offer of a fresh start in rela-

Front-page editorials in Baghdad dailies expressed dismay at Friday's U.S. bombing of a military position in the oorth of the country. They said it proved Mr. Clinton had not learned from the mistakes of Mr. Bush.

"We have seen many irresponsible deeds by the new U.S. administration which confirm that it has not yet learned from past lessons and is willing to repeat the same ridiculous refrain that has proved unsuccessful with Iraq," the government daily Al Jumbouriyah said.

"Clinton's administration has still been following the footsteps of Bush and his administration's mistakes, resorting to the same means to harm the Iraqi people," the ruliog Baath Party's daily Al Thawra said.

that U.S. officials do not want to understand Iraq's standpoint and its genuine wish to establish nev ties with the U.S. based on nistration had failed to respond to mutual respect and understanding and by solving all problems through peaceful means," Al Thawra added.

It said Iraq has stood by its ceasefire offer made when the Clioton administratioo took office in January "but U.S. officials have expressed on more than one occasion their adoption of a deplorable colonial policy which expresses nothing other than arrogance, power and enmity to all that is humane and

But Iraq shall still hold to its principles and its leader unaffected by a few cluster bombs or thermal flares nor even by the ridiculous statements of this or that U.S. official," Al Thawra

Al Qadissiya newspaper complained, "the American position contradicts its slogans about peace and human rights."

Mr. Clinton has echoed Mr. Bush in saying that the United States will not tolerate any interference with Western jets patrolling the "no-fly" zones in Iraq.

Pakistan holds militants linked to Egypt

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Gamaa Al Islamiya (Islamic Group) in Cairo to plant bombs

in tourist sites. A British tourist was killed and two Britons and five Germans were wounded in gun and bomb assaults by militants last year.

The Islamic Group recently sent a fax from a post office in Peshawar to Cairo warning of further attacks.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif agreed last week to enact measures to stop Egyptian militants using Pakistan's border province with Afghanistan as a base.

Police officer killed

Four suspected muslim extremists on Sunday shot dead a senior police officer and two others in southern Egypt in revenge for the killing of a fellow militant, police

As police searched for the four suspects, a curfew was clamped oo the three areas of Al Badary, Al Ghanayem and Sadafa, oear the southern town of Assiut

kilometres south of Cairo. Major General Mohammad Sheimy, Assiut's deputy security chief, his body guard and his driver were shot dead when the four suspected militants, amhushed their car as it pulled out of a police stadon in Abu Tig village on outskirts of Assiut, said

police officer.
The officer identified two of the four suspects as Abdul Rahim Abu Akrab, the nephew of a member of Egypt's parliament, and school teacher Mahmoud Al Solayim. Both of Egypt's parliament, and school teacher Mahmouid Al Solayim. Both are members of Al Gamma Al Isla-

The officer said that the suspects were avenging the killing by police last month of another extremist in Ahu Tig.

A man planted a bomb on a

bus loaded with German tourists outside Cairo's citadel Sunday, security sources said.

The guide for the German party raised the alarm after spotting the man put a hag under one of

the front seats near the door of the hus as the tourists sat inside. Police arrested the man and found a small bomb in the hag. where the shooting occurred. One security source said the Assiut, a hotbed of Muslim ex- oman was suspected to belong to tremist violence, is 320 Al Gamaa.

Mubarak, Rabin to meet on Wednesday

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issue. On Saturday, Mr. Husseini said the Palestinians were willing to return to the talks and were oo longer demanding all of the exiles be returned, though other mat-

ters still needed clarification. And Israeli Health Minister Haim Ramon said Mr. Husseioi's presence could lend the Palesti-

nian team more authority. "If Faisal Husseini is included theo we will be able to progress oo substance," Mr. Ramon said.

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U.S. defence budget shows post-cold war intentions

By Jim Adams

WASHINGTON — Defence Secretary Les Aspin outlined Saturday defence cuts he said will reshape U.S. post-cold war forces for fighting Gulf war-type con-flicts and produce an \$88 hillion peace dividend.

Mr. Aspin announced a \$263.4 hillion denfence budget for next year that shows how he expects to shape the military for fighting regional wars and conducting peacekeeping and relief opera-tions like the one in Somalia.

Mr. Aspin expects to sharply cut the huge U.S. troop and nuclear force aligned against the former Sovies Union but keep, expand and improve the hightech weapons and methods that won the Gulf war.

"This is in many ways the first truly post-cold war budget," Mr. Aspin said at a press conference. 'It cuts cold war forces and begins to buy the new capabilities we need to meet the new dangres to the West.

we face."

But opponents say Mr. Aspin and President Bill Clinton are cutting U.S. defences too fast. Mr. Aspin said the new hudget would begin cuts for an \$88 billion peace dividend over four

Mr. Clinton's five-year economic plan calls for \$12 billion in defence cuts and Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn told the Senate that cuts related to defence will raise the total to \$172 billion over five

Several Senate Republicans cited Russian President Boris Yeltsin's struggle to stay in power. They wanted to restrain Clintan defence culs on grounds that world dangers include renewed communist control of Russian nuclear weapons.

But Mr. Aspin said Saturday the old Soviet bloc cold war threat is gone and Russia is more likely to be a regional threat to its neighbours than a renewed threat

He suggested that could require U.S. participation in some sort of international peacekeeping operation but said "this does not require a \$300 billion defence

budget." Mr. Aspin said the new U.S. military force must be able to fight Gulf-type wars against such potential foes as Iran, Lihya and North Korea participate in inter-

national peacekeeping operations He said that will require fast cargo planes and ships to transport troops, military equipment, food and medicine.

That translates into specific weapons in Mr. Aspin's \$263.4 hillion budget: \$2.6 billion for the new C-17 cargo plane and more than \$1 billion for ships to carry troops and weapons.

The hudget also calls for ensuring technologically superior weapons by modernising M-1 heavy battle janks. Blackhawk helicopters, F-10 and F-14 fighter planes and Aegis anti-arreraft and anti-missile ships.

Strategic Defence Initiative anomissile defence development that used to be known as "Stars Wars" for its futuristic space

weapons. More than half the S3.8 billion is for better short-range anti-missiles to defend U.S. troops

and allies in a war as Patriot missiles did in the Gulf war. These are only adjustments to the defence hudget former President George Bush planned for next year, which also was moving to a smaller, more mobile U.S.

military force. Mr. Clinton and Mr. Aspin have only been in office since Jan. 20, and Mr. Aspin said studies for their defence budgets after next year will not be com-

pleted until this summer. He said those budgets will be based on a new concept of deter-mining what kinds of wars and operations U.S. forces may undertake in the post-cold war era and what weapons and how many 1100ps are needed,



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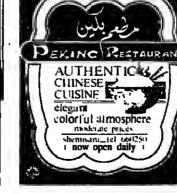
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Senna wins European Grand Prix

DONINGTON, England (Agencies) — Ayrton Senna charged from fifth to first on the opening lap to power to victory in the European Grand Prix Sunday, his second Formula One victory in a

The three-time former world champion got the wet conditions he wanted and almost lapped the rest of the field in his McLaren

Only second place Damon Hill. in a Williams Renault, stayed on the same lap as Senna hut he came home 1 minute 23.199 seconds behind.

Senna, who also won in Brazil two weeks ago, now leads the Drivers Championship hy 12 points from Alain Prost. The Brazilian, has 26 points and the Frenchman, who finished third here in Williams Renault, has 14 with hill on 12.

Britain's Johnny Herbert was fourth in Sunday's race in a Lotus Ford, veteran Riccardo Patrese fifth in a Benetton Ford and Fahrizio Barbazza sixth in a Minardi Ford for his first ever World Championship point. Michael Andretti's tale of woe

in Formula One countinued. Watched by father Mario, who won the world title in 1978 before switching to Indy cars, Andretti spun off the circuit in the first lap. Toyotas coast towards victory in Safari Rally: Finn Juha Kankkunen and the Toyota Team

coasted towards almost certain

victory, io the Kenya Safari Rally

as drivers contested the fourth leg

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Sunday.

Kankkuneo was speaking in Eldoret, 350 kms north-west of Nairobi, where he arrived nine minutes ahead of fellow Finn Markku Alen in another Toyota

Kenyan Ian Duncan was third. one hour 25 minutes behind the Kankkunen, and Yasuhiro Iwase of Japan was fourth, one hour 32 minutes behind the leader. Both were driving Toyotas.

Alen said he did not think he could catch up with Kankkuneo. "Every time we get a little bit closer to Juha we get in his dust and then have to slow up again. so it's not possible to make up very moch on him in any section," he said.

Jordan's rally champion has ambitious plans for 1993

By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Jordan's 1992 Drivers Open Championship titleholder, Marwao Ahu Hamad, has ambitious plans for the upcoming season which will surely be quite eventful and hectic

The well-known rally cham-pioo and co-driver Khaled Zakaria are all set to participate in this year's 10 remaining auto sports events. In addition, they are planning to compete in all rallies which couot towards the Middle East Championship, and for the first time for Jordanian competitors they will probably compete in a European rally.

Aho Hamad's and Zakana's aspiring scheme has been given much needed sopport hy attaining a sponsor which has already provided the team with a powerful new car - a Ford Sierra RS Cosworth 4x4.

At a press conference Saturday evening, team director Samer Al Qadi representing the sponsor, the Arab Jordan Investment Bank, said that the team had the hank's full support and voiced hope that Abo Hamad and Zakaria would have a successful season.

"We are very optimistic that Marwan (Abu Hamad) and Khaled (Zakaria) will maintain their top rank standing in Jordan's championship and hopefully attain an advanced standiog in the Middle East Championship," said Qadi.

The new car was used hy Middle East champion Mohammad Beo Sullayem in four rounds of the Middle East Champiooship. Both Abo Hamad and co-driver Zakaria, who is 1992's Co-Drivers Open titleholder, regard this as a good omen.

Their first test of the car was in the National Rally April 1 in which they finished second.

Asked if they had faced problems with the car doring the rally, Ahu Hamad said:

"The rally was a trial for us and the car car. We had used in the car." the oew car. We had very little

time to train as it arrived only a

few days before the event. The only problem is that the car uses unleaded fuel which is not available in Jordan. We might have to import this from the Gulf in the future," Ahu Hamad added.

Ahu Hamad also said that he was quite careful in the 350kilometre rally and had not taken any extra risks as he had been quite upset after visiting colleague Reimoo Fleifel in hospital after he had an accident while training for the ral-

Abu Hamad and Zakaria praised the organisation of the Jordan International Rally and other local events organised hy the Royal Aotomobile Club of Jordan, which has given a strong impetus to auto sports in the Kingdom. However they stressed the fact that the sport lacked proper promotion by all concerned and hence the lack of sponsors.

Abu Hamad, 28, a graduate in criminology from the United States, said that financial snags which hinder participatioo in regional or local rallies had been solved by their sponsor.



Marwan Abu Hamad

He urged other institutions to back sports in the country. "Rallies are costly. And a rally team comprises about eight people. Therefore, it would be difficult to pay for air-fare, accommodation, and maiotenance without proper spoosorship," Aho Hamad commented.

Asked about their team, both competitors had words of encouragement, support and praise for each other.

"I think Khaled is one of the best co-drivers. We understand each other very well. He has never made a silly mistake or error," Abn Hamad said of his co-driver.

"I thick Marwan is an excellent driver. He is experienced, and I believe we are a very cohesive team," added Zakar-

Friday because of rain.

Sabatini has been in a title

drought. The winner of 25 singles

titles, the Argentine has played in

14 events since the 1992 Italian Open last May without a cham-

In seven tournaments in 1993.

"I occded a win like this one

Andrei Medvedev of the Ukraine

After losing the opening set 6-7

It was Medvedev's fifth title

seeded ointh in the tournament.

Medvedev is considered one of

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY APRIL 12, 1993

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A very difficult day that will have you redoing recent programmes that you thought had been put to rest. Avoid any possibility of getting financially entangled in the affairs of another who requests your assistance, but has no right to do

ARTES: (March 21 to April 19) Until noon you can contact those able to help forward your interests and to make real headway but later avoid running around like a chick-en without it's head.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You want to make some drastic changes in financial or other prac-tical matters and the daytime could be a good time to do so but later be

GEMINE: (May 21 to June 21) Changes in an association or plans with a partner could make conditions easier for you to handle so quickly do so, then keep promises you have made.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Discussions with an expert shows you how to make your acti-vities more productive in the morn-ing, afterwards carry through with

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Think about enjoyments and pleasures with friends, acquaintances and close companions and make while later don't change your ori-

VIRGO: (August 22 to September

22) You see clearly what you can do to make others realise your true capabilities so bring them to the attention of those in the world of

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Whatever you have that inspires you to express your latent feelings is good so yield to impulses to show your true devotion to those you like.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) A day when money and possessions and dealing with others in relation to them is certainly your best avenue of expression so consult with experts.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You have a flash vision on how some logical minded person can be of remarkable assistance to you so early contact that person and gain progress.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) A day to think of ways to build up your activities so you get far more benefits from them and then do the apparently unimportant details.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to Fehruary 19) Your love of people can be brought into the open to your advantage in the early part of the day so be on the qui vive, accept and use it well.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) A member of your family has quite different ideas and plans for quite different lucas but listen to them and try to make them harmo-



"Stanley, what kind of mood were you

Sampras powers his way to Japan Open victory

TOKYO (Agencies) — Pete the result. Sampras trounced fellow Amer- "Pd like ican Brad Gilbert 6-2 6-2 6-2 to win the Japan Open tennis

tournament Sunday.

The new world No. 1 produced a powerful all-round game to collect his third title of the year

and a cheque for \$152,000. The 21-year-old from Tampa, Florida, shot to the top of the ATP rankings after his quarterfinal win over David Wheatoo and Jim Courier's exit in the third

Sampras said he was undaunted by the pressure of being world number one.

"Ever since I won the U.S. Open and I've been io the top five, I've been more or less a target," he said.
"But I've got used to that extra

pressure ... so I doo't feel any different on the court now I'm oumber ooe.

"You know, it's pretty simple.
I just go out there and try to wio.

Gilbert said Sampras's heavy serving had been a key factor in

"I'd like to go to sleep at night knowing I've got that serve," he

"Pete's got a complete game and when he's playing well he has the ability to demoralise you. A tough customer to play, who's going to be a major threat to she has been stopped in the semi-winning the U.S. Opeo sade finals five times—twice by Steffi Wimbledon."

Sanchez Vicario to face Sahatini' Capriati, Monica Seles and Conin final: Top seeds Arantxa San- chita Martinez. chez Vicario and Gabriela Sabatitoday to belo me the fioal of the \$375,000 Baus the player and win a tournament, Lomh Tenois Championships said Sahatini, who has a 4-1 with semifinal wins Saturday. career advantage over Coetzer.

Sanchez Vicario, seeded first Medvedev beats Bruguera in Barand ranked third in the world, celona final: Eighteeo-year-old reached her fourth successive final with a 6-4 6-2 victory over beat Spain's Sergi Bruguera in fourth-seeded Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere of Switzerland.

The second-seeded, fifth. Coode de Godo ATP meo's tennis tournament. ranked Sabatini, the two-time defending champion here, earned her first final of 1993 with a 6-3 (7-9), Medvedev pulled back with energy to sweep the following three sets 6-3, 7-5, 6-4. 6-2 win over fifth seed Amanda Coetzer of South Africa.

In career meetings, Sabatini has a comfortable 11-6 lead over and his second this year following Sanchez Vicario but the Spaniard his victory in Estoril, Portugal, two weeks ago.
Ranked 19th in the world and woo their last three confront-

"I know I've played many times against Gaby," said San-chez Vicario, who successfully the top clay-court players on the defeoded her Lipton Championships title last month." I'm io good shape and I'm ready to beat

Maleeva-Fragniere had a busy

day Saturday. Before taking oo Sanchez Vicario, she defeated sixth seed Natalia Zvereva of Belarus 6-0

As the tournament's singles

winner, he earned \$126,000. It was Bruguera's second loss m a Conde de Godo final. Io 1991

he lost to fellow Spaniard Emilio Medvedey made it to the final

on beating and American veteran 6-3 in a quarter-final postpooed Ivan Lendl in the quarterfinal.

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ooe, declarer forgets to "cover an honor with an honor." That fetches the king from East, declarer wins and leads a trump. West grabs the ace and reverts to the ten of dia-monds. When declarer covers with dummy's queen, East will ruff away the winner and declarer must still concede two diamonds for down Now let's toss another rubric into

the flames. Since declarer can afford to lose two diamond tricks and a trump, suppose that South doesn't routinely "capture the king with the ace," but allows East's king of dia-monds to hold. Sooner or later West will gain the lead with the ace of trumps and lead the ten of dia-monds through tha table's queen. Since the king of diamonds was a marked singleton (why else play it?), declarer simply follows low from dummy. If East ruffs, it's trumping declarer's losing diam if East does put, declarer wins the ace, draws trumps, maneuvering two club ruffs in dummy in the process, and loses only one more

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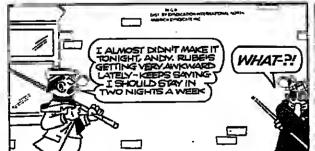
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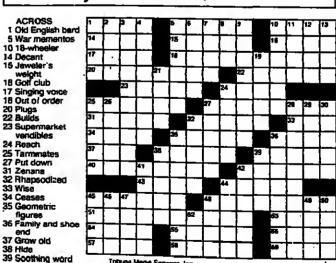




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Foreign Exchange Market Summary

(April 5 — April 9, 1993)

AMMAN - In addition to the general atmosphere of lack of

direction which had been already prevalent in the foreign

exchange market, trading activity declined considerably last

week ahead of the long Easter week-eod. Nevertheless, the dollar succeeded in rising above resistance at 1.60 marks,

whereas the intensity of the dollar's decline against the Japanese

Trading was light and choppy throughout most of last week,

with a general feeling of lack of short-term direction. Many

traders preferred to stay on the side-lines, particularly with the long weekend that lay ahead. On the one band, there was disappointment with the pace at which the interest rate differential between Germany and the U.S. was narrowing, and in the rate of growth in U.S. GDP as well as the extent of the

fiscal stimulus, on the other. But traders were also reluctant to

sell the U.S. currency, since indications still pointed to a

superior U.S. economic performance in the medium and long

On Monday, the Bundesbank president was quoted as saving

that the bank will not perform quick drastic cuts in the official German interest rates so as not to harm the credibility of the

German monetary policy. The news harmed the dollar, given

Furthermore, the latest rounds of U.S. economic statistics

had come within, or even below, expectations, thus illuminating any justification for a dollar hike for the time being.

The Bank of Japan, on the other hand, managed finally to

curb the intensity of the dollar's decline against the yen, after

persistent, bot not-so-aggressive, interventioo oo Monday and

Tuesday. In the process, the dollar benefitted against the mark

In Germany, a new batch of economic statistics produced

further evidence that economic growth in west German was

sliding. The news revived hopes of a near term interest rate cut

in Germany. The dollar hence rebounded Tuesday, breaching

The dollar cootinued to rise Wednesday, touching 1.62 marks

during U.S. trading hours, but retreating to 1.6189 marks at the time of New York's close, its highest levels for that week. It

eased back towards the end of the week, closing in New York

Thursday at 1.6050 marks, and at 1.6060 marks in Tokyo the

following day. Observers noted, however, that the thin trading

volume had a significant impact on the way the exchange rate

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\$40m fund set up for investment in Egypt

CAIRO (R) — Two financial groups, backed by the World Bank, have set up a \$40 million fund to attract Western institu-

tional investment to Egypt. Barciays PLC, Schroder Asseily Co. and the World Bank's investment arm the International Finance Corporation will each take a 15 per cent stake, banking sources said Sunday.

The fund is called loternational Egyptian Investments (IEI) and is incorporated in the British Virgin Islands. The firm, registered last

month, was aiming to subscribe a total of \$40 million, said a source close to IEI. Foreign investment in Egypt has soared since the government began dismantling socialist-style restrictions two years ago, but local bankers say investors are

exchange and lack of transparency in financial markets. The source said the fund would

still hampered by a dormant stock

shares on the stock market. Over 600 firms are listed on Cairo's exchange but only 25 are actively traded.

"Egypt is oot yet a stage to invest in stocks and play the market," said the source, who added that IEI aimed to place the other 55 per cent, about \$20 million, with Western institutional investors by August.

Aladdin Saba, vice-presideot at Kidder Peabody, said his firm had approached other investors and was considering setting up a similar fund of about \$50 million. He told Reuters he hoped to

attract Gulf Arab and Far East-

ern as well as European and American investors. 'We're oot looking at hrand new projects but existing companies with established manage ment that want to boost their

capital." he said. Egyptian bankers said fund managers were looking at industtake long-term stakes in private rial, agro-iodustry, tourism and

Egyptian firms but would not buy financial services sectors. France seen cutting interest rate soon as franc crisis ebbs

PARIS (R) - The Bank of cent since Prime Minister in a key interest rate after Easter now that the franc crisis seems to bave blown over following the election of a new government,

traders have said. Bot ecocomists say the central bank, which is sooo to be granted its independence from the government, is in no hurry to cut its more important intervention rate from 9.10 per ceot.

Financial analysts said it could cut its five-day emergency rate from 12 per cent, possibly to 10 per cent, as soon as Tuesday. The five-day rate could be

cut to 10 per cent Tuesday morning but I doubt the intervection rate will be cut yet," one broker said after the overnight mooey market rate fell below 10 per cent for the first time io four months.

The five-day rate usually sets a ceiling for bank rates. But these rates bave tumbled by about 1.5

percentage points to below 10 per

France may make a symbolic cut Edouard Balladur's centre-right government took power two weeks ago.

So a cut in the notional ceiling would be a symbolic gesture of the central hank's confidence that rates are down to stay and that the currency crisis that forced it to boost the rate to 12 per cent from 10 per cent on Jao, 5 is now

Underlining that confidence, Economy Minister Edmond Alphandery has said the ceotral bank would repay marks which it borrowed from the Bundesbank several weeks ahead of schedule.

He said three-month money rates would fall significantly by mid-year but warned that the authorities would oot force the pace since that could prompt new essure on the frane,

They will fall on their own. There is no question of pushing them down," be told Europe Radio.

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Saudi industries need \$800m of spare parts a year

DUBAI (R) - Saudi Arabia is encouraging investors to manufacture spare parts in the desert kingdom where iodustries require three billion rivals (\$800 million)

worth of parts a year, the Saudi Press Agency said Sunday.

The ageocy said the kingdom's industrial sector produced 50 hil-llon riyals (\$13.3 billion) worth of goods a year, a fifth of which is

exported.
SPA quoted industry and Elecricity Mioister Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al Zamel as saying production equipment in Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, represented 50 per cent of the 106 billion riyal (\$28.3 billioo) capital iovested in the industrial sector.

A study presented at a forum attended by Sheikh Zamel Saturday offered 16 investment opportunities in the field of sparepart manufacturing worth 180 million riyals (\$48 million).

The study said the oil and gas exploration sector represented 60 per cent of the spare parts needed while the expected expansion in the field of refining and petrochemicals to the kingdom will require larger amounts of spare parts," the study, quoted by SPA said.

Russian firms seek \$80 m investment in oil

MANAMA (R) — Two Russian firms are seeking Gulf Arab investment in their country's oil industry worth up to \$80 million,

Russian diplomat has said. "Between \$50 and \$80 million (is required) in return for crude oil based on Russian oil standard forward contracts," said Russian commercial attache in Bahrain Valery Kashirski.

He said joint-stock firms Cond-Petroleum and Hermes-Planeta wanted to swap foreign investment in development projects.

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Gulf Arab central bankers accept Kuwait dinar in GCC monetary exchange system

central banks agreed Saturday to bring the Kuwaiti dinar, which almost ceased to exist during the Iraqi occupation, ioto a regional monetary exchange system.

Golf Cooperation Council (GCC) central bank governors made the decision at a one-day meeting in Abu Dbabi on standardising monetary policies in the six oil-rich states, one of the aims of the economic and military alliance they set up in 1981.

GCC Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs Abdullah Quwaiz told reporters after the meeting the dinar would be integrated into a GCC monetary system created to defend the currencies after Iraq invaded. Kuwait in 1990.

"The governors agreed to accept the Kuwaiti dinar to the arrangement which is now preseot between the currencies of the other Gulf countries," he

After the Iraqi invasion, GCC members feared their currencies would be affected by the crash of the Kuwaiti dioar, once the strongest currency in the region.
"When the invasion of Kowait

took place everybody refused GCC currencies. We issued a circular that each central bank

to reconcile oil

currency and the central bank would be reimbursed, except for Kuwait," Sheikh Quwaiz said. "This was the arrangement af-

ter the Kuwait crisis. The governors cooperated among themselves to agree this system but excloded Kuwait because of its circumstances. Now we are restoring the Kuwaiti dinar to the same treatment.

Any central bank in the GCC is going to accept it," Sheikh Quwaiz added.

After the invasion GCC central hanks did not accept Kuwaiti dioars, many of which had fallen into lraqi hands.

After Iraqi troops left Kuwait and Kuwait issued a new dinar the currency was being traded but Sheikh Quwaiz said there was still any element of risk, which pushed its exchange rate down. "They were exchanging the Kuwait dinar but the risk was

being carried by the traders," he said. "There will be less risk because... other central hanks will accept the exchange rate of the Kuwaiti dinar (as set by the Kuwaiti central hank).' He said the move would not

affect the exchange rate of the Kuwaiti dinar, which is tied to a basket of currencies. Saudi Ara-

bia, the UAE, Bahraio and Qatar link their currencies to the dollar, the currency in which oil, their main asset, is priced.

Oman, a small independent oil producer, is the sixth member of

the GCC. Since they signed their economic accord in 1981, the six countries have been trying to peg their curreocies to a common standard but no progress has yet been made on this, Sheikh Quwaiz

On Saturday, the ceotral bank governors formed a committee to set out rules for GCC banks to open branches in other GCC countries and a joint supervisory system to bring capital adequacy levels up to international stan-

Sheikh Quwaiz said most of the more than 100 banks in the GCC have adequacy levels of between 10 and 13 per cent.

The governor of the UAE central bank, Sultan Al Suweidi, said GCC central hanks planned to meet the committee of the Baslehased Bank for International Settlements (BIS) soon to discuss the high lending risk classification which the BIS has given to banks from GCC countries other than Saudi Arabia.

Romania, **UAE** sign oil, economic agreements ABU DHABI (R) — Romanian President Ion Iliescu signed oil

and economic agreements with

the United Arah Emirates

(UAE) Sunday as part of plans to

boost ties in the financial, hank-

ing and energy sectors.

Mr. Iliescu said he discussed

with UAE officials ways to in-

crease economie cooperation,

especially in the oil sector.
"Romania can be an entry

point to Europe for the UAE and

the UAE can be an entry for

Romania to the Gulf."

production figures mated OPEC's output in March pliance committee, investigating alleged cheating, had been unat around 700,000 b/d above the ceiling, hut Dr. Subroto said OPEC member states have supable to reconcile differences in oil

OPEC panel unable

output figures given by member states and independent sources, plied different figures. Secretary-General Subroto said. "We want to compare the fi-The three-man watchdog comgures from the members and the mittee met in Qatar Sunday to figures that we received from the examine whether members had secondary sources," Dr. Suhroto, stuck to an agreement limiting once Indonesia's oil minister, told OPEC's production to 23.582 million barrels per day (b/d) for March to June to try to boost

Reuters after the meeting. Asked if the committee had been able to reconcile the figures, he said: "No, We have to talk to the members."

ter Abdullah Al Badri and Qatari energy minister Abdullah Al Attiyah, will fly to Oman to present their findings to a meeting of all 12 OPEC ministers on Mooday night.

large production cuts. excess in production io March,

but Iran has denied the claim.

February when OPEC agreed on | Sultan Al Nahayan Saturday. Independent surveys have fingered Iran for half of the estimated

Members of his delegation said Romania's former communist He and the other committee leadership had neglected ties with members, Libvan Energy Ministhe Gulf region and the visit aimed to increase cooperation in the energy and banking sectors.

The Emirates News Agency said Mr. Iliescu met UAE Crown Prince Khalifa Bin Zaid Al Nahayan Sunday following his The committee was formed in talks with President. Zaid Bin

> veloping economic cooperation, including a joint hank and plans to open banks in each others' countries," Mr. Iliescu said.

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Bosnian Serbs say no-fly zone will bring more war

SARAJEVO (R) — The NATO aircraft and helicopters. Commander Barry Fr tions no-fly zone over Bosnia could intensify the war in the former Yugoslav republic, according to Bosnia's rebel Serbs. Radovan Karadzic said that

while his side would not provoke an incident, rival Croat and Muslim forces might do so. The Muslim side or the Croa-

tian side may shoot down some of the aircraft and that would be a real escalation of the war," be told Reuters Television Saturday evening at the Bosnian Serb beadquarters in Pale, near

Enforcement of the no-fly zone declared by the U.N. last October is scheduled to begin at 1200 GMT Monday. The 50 or 60 NATO fighters being used in the operation are ready to shoot down violators if necessary.

Concern about possible reprisals against U.N. troops delivering bumanitarian aid in Bosnia bas led NATO to order its pilots only to open fire after repeated warnings to intruders, or in self de-

Mr. Karadzie said the U.N. resolution on the no-fly zone was "absolutely unnecessary" because the Bosnian Serbs were not

violating the flight ban. The U.N. has recorded some 500 violations of Bosnian airspace, mostly by Serb fixed-wing mander Frewer said.

Gov. Chris Patten vowed in a

newspaper column published

Sunday to push for clean, fair

elections in the colony, and said

he was not bothered by recent

Mr. Patten wrote in the Sunday

Express that he boped Britain.

and China would soon resume

talks on how the 1995 legislative

The elections would be the last

Mr. Patten wants to broaden

Pyongyang has announced its

withdrawal from the nuclear

Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)

rather than accept inspections by

the International. Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) of the 'sites. It

denied it is producing nuclear

the matter to the United Na-

tions Security Council, which ex-

pressed concern but beld off from

Council wants to deal with the

nuclear problem from a stand of

guaranteeing world peace and

security, it must call in question,

first of all, the United States

which was the first in the world to

develop nuclear weapons and has

the largest arsenal of such kind of

weapons," the North Korean

Foreign Ministry said in a state-

"It is the United States that has

If the United Nations Security

imposing possible sanctions.

The agency last week referred

under British administration, as

Hong Kong is due to revert to

Chinese rule in 1997.

elections could be conducted.

"name-calling" by China.

Commander Barry Frewer, a spokesman for the U.N. Protection Force in Sarajevo, said the Serbs last week violated the ex-

clusion zone by using helicopters to transport troops involved in the siege of the Muslim town of Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia. The U.N. High Commissioner

for Refugees has suspended its aid flights into Sarajevo on security grounds ahead of the start of the no-fly zone operations.

UNHCR spokesman John McMillan said the decision had been taken because of the presence of Serb anti-aircraft guns near Sarajevo Airport, the threat to aid aircraft overflying Serb territory and Thursday's discovery by the Serbs of animunition being smuggled to Muslim fighters on board a U.N. aid truck.

At about the same time as NATO fighters begin their mission Monday, commanders of the rival Bosnian Serb and Muslim armies are scheduled to meet under U.N. auspices at Sarajevo Airport to try and reach a peace

A ceasefire around the town went into force Saturday and was immediately violated when four mortar rounds landed close to a UNHCR convoy, injuring four children standing nearby, Com-

"I very much hope that the

argument that we are having with

China at the moment will be

resolved, but it is important for us

all to bbe clear what it is all

"The argument really boils down to wbether the 1995 elec-

tions...will be conducted cleanly,

openly, and fairly or whether they will be rigged to produce a

"So, the final solution of this

problem depends on DPRK (North Korea)-USA negotia-

tions," the ministry said in the statement, carried by the official Korean Central News Agency

monitored in Tokyo.

The ministry said the Security
Council should make Washington

negotiate with Pyongyang and

fully discharge its responsibilities

In South Korea, the domestic

Yonhap News Agency said a

leading husiness group had drop-

ped plans to invite North Korean Prime Minister Kang Song-San to Seoul next month because of

strained relations over the nuc-

Yonbap said the Federation of

Korean Industries would not in-

vite Mr. Kang to the 26th general meeting of the Pacific Basin Eco-

nomic Council from May 22 to

and duties.

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Mr. Patten wrote in the

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Hong Kong to push for fair elections

side China.

LONDON (AP) - Hong Kong the electorate, but China dis-

N. Korea wants talks with

TOKYO (R) - Stalinist North increased the nuclear threat to us

Korea has called again for direct and compelled us to withdraw

talks with the United States to from the NPT and it is also the

end the row over its refusal to United States that manipulated

open up suspected nuclear the IAEA to abuse the safe-

U.S. on nuclear row

in the Srebrenica area Sunday morning, a day after the ceasefire went into force and two days after the Serbs were seen to be closing in on the town, which has been under siege for a year. The Muslims bave made a

However, Commander Frewer

reported general calm prevailing

cessation of hostilities around Srebrenica a condition of their attendance at Monday's airport talks. They walked out of a similar meeting on April 6 because of heavy fighting around Srebre-

U.N. efforts to evacuate up to 15,000 more refugees from Sreb-renica were expected to resume Monday, Mr. McMillan said.

This time, covered trucks would be used as Muslim leaders in Srebrenica had refused to let refugees board open trucks Saturday, saying evacuees would be exposed to extreme cold.

If Srebrenica was relatively quiet, there were numerous reports of fighting elsewhere in Bosnia, with each side accusing the other of violating the ceasefire first declared on March 28. Russia initiated a diplomatic offensive this weekend to prevent

Mr. Patten said he believes a

legislature "arrived at cleanly,

fairly and openly, and not cooked

to be acceptable to one particular

party or another, is fundamental

China has warned Mr. Patten

that if be goes ahead with bis

plans to extend voting rights, it

will replace the colonial govern-

ment in 1997 and tear up all

business contracts signed under

the British administration.

to the rule of law."

the U.N. Security Council from adopting a resolution Monday tightening sanctions against Yugoslavia, diplomats said. President Boris Yeltsin sent a letter to U.S. President Bill Clin-

ton, presumably to get a delay in the vote which is designed to punish Serbs for resisting a peace accord in Bosnia, they said.

Some Russian officials were contemplating a veto if the vote was held Monday as scheduled, the envoys added.

In Washington, London and Paris, officials contacted each other to decide whether to press for a vote and how to assess whether Russia would veto the

Russia has not vetoed a Secur-Council resolution since 1984. oscow bas a policy of not abstaining on any vote, believing that differences with the four other permanent members of the Council - the United States, Britain, France and China have to be worked out in adv-

Western envoys believed it would be risky for Moscow to cast a no vote ahead of a Group of Seven meeting in Tokyo this week when finance and foreign ministers of the major industrial nations will discuss aid for

Meanwhile an opinion poll said Americans are growing more wary of any involvement in the Yugoslav civil war and oppose sending U.S. troops to deliver bumanitarian aid or restore peace in Bosnia.

referendum RICHMOND, Va. (Agencies) — Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev said Saturday night he

He said Russia needs free multiparty elections as soon as possible rather than the vote of confidence in the president set for

"We simply have no time now for referendums," Mr. Gor-bachev said at the Richmond Forum as he started a four-day

Mr. Gorbachev said since his fall from power in 1991, political and economie reforms have been failing. In addition, real incomes in his country bave fallen by half and crime has risen during that

But he said millions of Russians still support the reform efforts that be began during his six years in power.
"Reform in Russia can suc-

industrialised world in providing financial belp and credit to Russia. He said his country wants to be a partner in high technology projects and not just a supplier of raw materials.

Meanwhile, two weeks before crucial referendum, President Yeltsin appears to have chosen his tactics - ignore the conservative parliament but try to please ordinary Russians, even at the

expense of his market reforms. Since last Wednesday, Mr. Yeltsin has frozen domestie oil prices and reversed an unpopular petrol price hike, hanned rent increases, found kind words for World War II veterans and beld a televised meeting with media bos-ses to map out his strategy.

He has also said the world would shudder" if he lost the referendum. Russia would be thrown back to the dark ages of totalitarian rule and could face the danger of disintegration.

LOS ANGELES (R) - Now the

Rodney King case is in the hands of a federal jury, authorities have

begun mounting a show of force

to keep the peace if the police officers accused in the videotaped

beating are again cleared.

Jurors started deliberations

late Saturday but ended their first

day without reaching a decision on the fate of four white officers

charged with violating Mr. King's

civil rights. They were to meet again at noon (1900 GMT) on

With experts predicting it may

take from several days to a week

to arrive at a verdict, officials

were wasting no time gearing up

to handle any outbreak of unrest

Faster Sunday.

that might follow.

Gorbachev 'will not' vote in

will not vote in Russia's referendum on President Boris Yeltsin because be thinks it is a waste of

April 25.

speaking tour of Virginia. time, he said.

ceed," Mr. Gorbachev said. He called for the support of the

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RODHAM FUNERAL: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton enters the presidential limousine as she leaves the Court Street United Methodist Church after attending her father's funeral. Her father, Hugh Rodham died in Little Rock, Arkansas, after suffering a stroke on Mar. 19 (AFP photo)

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

U.N. must stop Khmer Rouge killings — Hanol

HANOI (R) - The United Nations and Cambodia's leaders must end massacres of ethnic Vietnamese by the Khmer Rouge Maoist guerrilla army, Vietnamese Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet said Sunday. Speaking to reporters after welcoming U.N. Secretary. General Boutros Ghali for talks in Hanoi, Mr. Kiet made clear the pre-election turmoil in neighbouring Cambodia was the chief issue on his mind. "The secretary-general will have to end the massacre of Vietnamese residents in Cambodia," Mr. Kiet said. "Protection of Vietnamese residents is the responsibility of the United Nations and the leadership of Cambodia." Meanwhile the United Nations on Easter Sunday honoured two of its murdered peacekeepers at a ceremony marked by expressions of bitterness over lack of protection for U.N. volunteers in Cambodia. Senior U.N. officials, diplomats, friends and family gathered at the headquarters of the U.N. Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) in Ponom Penh for a memorial service for Atsuhito Nakata, a 25-year-old district election supervisor, and Lay Sok Phiep, his Cambodian interpreter. The two men were gunned down by Khmer Rouge guerrillas in central Cambodia Thursday

Tailkistan's former president dies

MOSCOW (R) - Tajikistan's ousted President Rakhmon Nabiyev died this weekend at the age of 63, Interfax News Agency said Sunday. Interfax said Mr. Nabiyev's bodyguards had found the body of the former president in bis bed. The cause of death had not yet been established. Mr. Nabiyev, then bead of the republican Communist Party was in charge of the Central Asian republic from 1982 to 1985. He was sacked shortly after former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev took power and launched his perestroika reforms. But be bounced back in September 1991 when parliament elected him president after a failed coup attempt hy Soviet hardliners. The election set off a year of bloody fighting between his supporters and a coalition of Muslim activists and democrats. He was forced to resign in September last year. The opposition coalition took control hat was soon ousted by ex-Communist forces after fierce fighting throughout the im-poverished republic. Interfax said Mr. Nabiyev's funeral would take place Monday in Khojand, his northern stronghold.

U.S. shuttle deploys satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (R) — Astronauts on the space shuttle Discovery Sunday deployed a small satellite designed for a tow-day study of solar wind and the Sun's atmosphere. Mission specialist Ellen Ochoa used the shuttle's triple-jointed robot arm to grasp the 2,840-pound (1,290-kg) spartan satellite, unberth it and set it adrift high above the cargo hay. The \$6 million satellite wobbled once as its onboard telescopes began to function over Europe. Mission Commander Ken Cameron then fired Discovery's steering jets three times to manoeuvre away from the box-shaped satellite, which will fly free until it is retrieved by the shuttle Tuesday. Two telescopes will record information about the solar wind and the Sun's Corona, Scientists bave discovered a connection between the Sun's outermost atmosphere - the Corona — and weather patterns of Earth.

Violence erupts in S. Africa after Hani killing

JOHANNESBURG (R) -Police shot dead at least one man Sunday as black South Africans gathered in townships throughout the country to mourn the assassination of their liberation hero Chris Hani.

Residents of Chicken Farm squatter camp in Soweto township outside Johannesburg said three people were killed when police fired without provocation on a Hani commemoration gathering.

Reporters saw one body and several wounded people. Police had no immediate comment on the shooting but re-ported four attacks on their offic-

retaliation for the Hani murder Saturday. About 100 protesters blocked a Cape Town highway with burning that two-fifths knew Palm Sunday marked Jesus' entry, into Jerus tyres Sunday morning. Violent

ers and white civilians in apparent

African National Congress President Nelson Mandela made had given up anything for Lent-

calm on national television Saturday night.
"With all the authority at my command, I appeal to all our people to remain calm and to honour the memory of Chris birth of Christ," the conservative

Hani by remaining a disciplined force for peace," he said. Mr. Mandela and other political leaders urged South Africans against violent retaliation which would deal a severe blow to negotiations aimed at convening are." The newspaper argued the country's first all-race elec-

tions within 12 months. Newspapers reported Sunday that the man arrested in connection with the murder, Polish immigrant Janusz Walns, 40, was a virulent anti-Communist with links to the extreme right-wing Afrikaner Resistance Movement

He was detained after witoesses saw a red car speed from the murder scene at Mr. Hani's home in Boksburg, a satellite town of Johannesburg. Mr. Hani, leader of the South African Communist Party, was hit at point blank range by four bullets,

Leaders of the ANC and SACP met for a second time Sunday to discuss their reaction to the assassination. A spokesman for the ANC's militant Natal Midlands Region said some people wanted quit the democracy negotia tions in protest at the killing.

Police spokesman Brigadier Frans Malherbe said a black deambush in Tembisa township outside Johannesburg Saturday

Progress expected at fresh Angola talks

ABIDJAN (R) — Delegates to the latest round of Angolan peace talks, due to open in Ivory Coast Monday, are optimistic that some progress can be made, although a

full solution appears remote. The Abidian talks follow an inconclusive January round in Addis Ababa after Angola slid back into full-scale civil war. A

session scheduled for the Ethiopian capital in February was abandoned because UNITA rebels failed to appear for negotia-tions with the MPLA govern-

Participants at the latest talks hope that at the very least a ceasefire between the warring sides can be arranged as a prelude to further bargaining.
"When we met in Addis Ababa

in January...we did reach agreement on quite a number of points, there is a basis of agree-ment on which to proceed," U.N. Angola envoy Magaret Anstee

As King case goes to jury, L.A. braces for riots

told reporters when she arrived in tinued fighting Saturday - near Abidjan Saturday.

Ms. Anstee said she had asked both sides to suspend fighting in order to bolster the peace talks and allow aid to be shipped across battle lines.

Neither had yet agreed, she said, but she believed a truce was possible.
"I believe we will make some

progress on this, it needs an agreement between the two sides and this is one of the subjects that I think will be on our agenda here," she said.

UNITA delegate John Marques Kakumba said Angolans were tired of war and the rebels were happy to talk peace.
"UNITA does not believe

weapons will win, only dialogue will win, we are not warmongers." he said.

Despite the upbeat public statements enormous burdles re-

the central Angolan town of Menongue and in the oil-rich northwestern enclave of Cabinda. UNITA is accused of breaking

1991 peace accords that were to have ended 16 years of civil war and it refused to accept the results of U.N.-supervised elections last September in which the MPLA emerged victorious.

Its charges of election fraud were unsubstantiated by U.N. observers. The United States, a UNITA ally in the days when the MPLA was aligned to the Soviet Bloc, says any deal must recog-uise the hard facts of the poll result.

"Certain events have taken place, like fair elections that the world recognised, we're not going to walk away from the fact that there were these elections," a U.S. official said at preparatory main. Both sides reported con- talks in Abidjan last month.

defendants bad no choice but to

use force because Mr. King

was driving drunk and was on parole after serving a year in prison on a robbery conviction.

one Hispanic will decide the offic-

ers' guilt or innocence. It is a

more racially balanced group than the Simi Valley jury, which

Ignoring city officials' pleas

that the verdict be sealed for up

to a full day to allow prepara-

had no hlack members.

The 28-year-old black motorist

Nine whites, two blacks and

violently resisted arrest.

century," she said of Bosnia's civil war. "But I wanted to show it's possible to come bere. I'm here on the side of life, non-

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Two days after petty cash was stoled from the Vatican press office another theft on the Holy See's premises has come to light. New reports said Saturday that thieves lifted two gold medallions from the Treasury Museum in St. Peter's Basilica. The medallions of Pope Pius XII are worth around \$2,000, The Italian News Agesey, ANSA said. Thieves apparently mingled with visitor n the museum, which is not part of the vast Vatican museum com plex, and opened up the display cases. The reports said the the took place in earlier March, but

Moving 'statue'

praying to what they thought w statue of Jesus Christ got the fright of their lives when it to from beneath a shroud and in away during an earthquake; private radio station said. The supplicants were not aware the the figure, covered with a piece cloth and lying on a wood plank, was a real man. "It was not the earthquake which scale the people. It was after Chin rose that they scampered... its thought a miracle had occurred. a reporter for radio statice DZXL said. The incident half pened during a Good Friday vice in the village of Santa F6. Bataan province northwest

Irish senator suggests internment of extremists

BELFAST (R) - Irish Senator Gordon Wilson, deeply disillu-sioned by his failed meeting with the Irish Republican Army (IRA), has called on Britain and Ireland to intern extremists with-"Where is the alternative - to

let them go on for another 23 years?" the prominent peace campaigner said in an interview in the Sunday Times newspaper. Last week, Sen. Wilson staged a clandestine meeting with the

IRA to try to end its guerrilla conflict in Northern Ireland. Sen. Wilson, who publicly forgave the IRA for killing his daughter Marie in a 1987 bombing, felt that meeting achieved nothing. The IRA apologised to Sen. Wilson for Marie's death but

paign of violence. Sen. Wilson told the Sunday Times: "If these people mean what they say, then it is the duty of governments to impose law and order. This may mean some

said it would not stop its cam-

form of internment." Internment without trial was last imposed in Northern Ireland in the 1970s at the height of the conflict. But it was internationally condemned, abandoned and later acknowledged to have been a major "recruiting sergeant" for

Sen. Wilson urged the Duhlin and London governments to lock up extremists from both sides of

"I believe that both governments know who these people are but cannot get proof or evidence because witnesses are afraid to come forward. "If they cannot be convicted

under the laws of the land, then you and I and our families need the protection of knowing they

are behind bars."
Sen. Wilson, a 65-year-old retired draper, said: "Let us stop the war first and then talk."

Moderate Irish nationalist John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party. confirmed he has had a secret meeting with Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing. But by mutual agreement the two declined to give any details of their discus-

Sinn Fein has been excluded from Northern Ireland peace talks because it refuses to renounce violence.

Britain is now trying to revive the talks that collapsed six months ago. It is bidding to return Northern Ireland to local power-sharing government after two decades of direct rule from London.

Meanwhile, a key Irish guerrilla suspect who escaped from jail in Britain two years ago was charged with firearms offences Saturday in a Duhlin anti-

Azerbaijan asks Iran for help

NICOSIA (R) - Azerbaijan asked Iran to help it defend the from advancing Armenian forces, the official Iranian News Agency (IRNA) reported.

The agency said Azeri Ambassador to Iran Nasib Nasibzadeh appealed to the Islamic Republic (of Iran) to help prevent the Azeri town of Fizuli from falling into the hands of Armenian

He asked Iran Saturday "to give material and spiritual assistance to the Azeri people to repel the Armenian aggression," IRNA added. Azeris and Armenians fought

around Fizuli Saturday. The town lies in a narrow strip of Azeri territory separating the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh from Iran. Its capture would bring all of southwest Azerbaijan under Armenian control.

Russia's ITAR-TASS News Agency quoted the Azeri Defence Ministry as saying Armenian forces had seized 14 villages after penetrating up to 15 kilometres into southwest Azer-

The Azeri Turan agency said Armenians had taken up posi-tions on a hill overlooking Fizuli and had seized the village of Govshadly, four kilometres from the town. Artillery fire had caused "significant destruction" to Fizuli, it said.

IRNA quoted the Azeri ambassador as saying the fall of the town would be a "great tragedy" and make thousands of its residents homeless.

"He urged Tehran to take action through appropriate channels to prevent the advance of Armenian forces inside Azerbaijani territory," the agency added. TASS said Azen forces had destroyed an Armenian T-72 tank and a Grad multiple rocket laun-

On Friday, Russian President Boris Yeltsin offered to mediate in the conflict which has spilled over the borders of the enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, populated mostly by Armenians but placed under Azeri jurisdiction since

In a message to the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan, Mr. Yeltsin called for an immediate ceasefire followed by peace talks.

TASS, quoting military sources in Karabakh's Armeniancontrolled capital Stepanakert, reported fighting inside the enclave Saturday. Separate offensives by Azeri forces in southeast Karabakh and

in the northern area of Mardakert

were repulsed, it said.

The last trial — in a state court in suburban Simi Valley — ended. in acquittals for all four defendants and touched off the worst rioting to hit the United States this century. Fifty-three people were killed. Authorities are trying to calm

widespread fear of new riots.

jury, Los Angeles Police Chief

'As soon as the case went to the

Willie Williams ordered a "beavy deployment" of forces in the streets and cancelled days off for many officers. Plans call for a gradual buildup to 6,500 officers by the time the verdicts come in. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department also began beef-

ing up its presence on the streets of surrounding communities. In case police are overwhelmed as they were in last year's riots, Governor Pete Wilson has ordered 600 combat-ready National Guards to be in position by Monday at armouries. If extra firepower is needed, another

4,000 soldiers can be called up

within a matter of hours, officials

They've been trained in their mission. The ammunition is in the armoury. The gas masks are there," said National Guard Colonel Roger Goodrich.

Despite such preparations, many Los Angeles residents worry the police will fail them as they did last year when looting and noting raged virtually unchecked for bours.

In Koreatown — the section

hardest hit by last year's riots some business owners were boarding up store windows and stocking up on guns and ammuni-

U.S. District Judge John

Davies warned jurors not to allow their debberations to be influenced "hy anticipation of any external consequences." Three of the defendants Lanrence Powell, Theodore Briseno and Timothy Wind - are

charged with wilfully violating Mr. King's civil rights when they clubbed and kicked him after he led them on a high-speed chase. Sergeant Stacey Koon is accused of failing to put a stop to an unlawful beating.

If convicted, they face up to 10

years in prison and fines of \$250,000 each. U.S. Justice Department Pro-

secutor Barry Kowalski closed the government's case Saturday, calling the defendants "bullies with hadges who beat and kicked a man who was down."

:Harland Braun, Mr. Briseno's attorney, contended in impassioned closing arguments that the

tions for unrest, Judge Davies said he would give no more than a 15-minute warning hefore reading the jury's decision in open South Korea's consul-general to Los Angeles made an early return to his post Sunday in case

of rioting after a verdict is reached, Yonhap News Agency said. It said Kim Hang-Kyung, who was in Seoul for a conference, left to discuss anti-riot measures with

U.S. authorities.



poll Sunday. The Gallup poll found that 69 per cent of those questioned knew that Easter marked the resurrection of Jesus Christ. About two-thirds also identified Judas as the apostic who betrayed Jesus to the Ro-mans. But "most mark the day with nothing more than a choco-late egg." the Sunday Telegraph said in a report headlined "A third of Britons don't know what day it is." The face-to-face pt. into levels of Christian know-ledge questioned 1,160 people aged 16 and over had a margin of error of about 4 per cent. It found marked Jesus' entry, into Jerudemonstrations were reported in two Cape Town townships Saturing in the wilderness. And only one in 10 people polled said they an unprecedented appeal for compared with 88 per cent of respondents when the survey was first conducted in 1939. Only one in five said they intend to visit a place of Christian worship Sunday. "We date our era from the Sunday Telegraph said in its lead editorial, "hut as we approach 2,000 years of that era, most of us have come to reject the claims made on bis behalf, and many denot even know what those claims that "our moral beliefs will decay if they are cut off from their source, just as a stream will become a stagnant pool if it is no

what is happening in the West today." Joan Baez in Sarajevo to sing for peace

longer fed by its spring... This is

SARAJEVO (R) — American

folk singer Joan Baez arrived in the hesieged Bosnian capital Sarajevo Saturday to perform pro-peace benefit concerts and meet its people. Known for her anti-war songs and activism in the 960s, Baez planned to record a television concert Tuesday and sing publicly in a Sarajevo theatre the next day if security permits. A fragile U.N.-mediated ceasefire has reduced shelling and fighting between besieging Serbs and defending Muslims in the past 19 days but the city is still plagued by sniper fire. Baez, in Sarajevo for five days, flew in on a U.N. peacekeeping force plane hours after singing to crowds of re-fugees in the Croatian capital Zagreb, moving many to tears with songs like the anthem of non-violent protest We Shall Overcome. "I wanted to come to Sarajevo and sbare some days and my music with a people who have been phenomenally brave and who are feeling very abandoned by the world community," Bacz told reporters. "I bave no answers than anyone else for a conflict that began in the 14th

Second theft at Vatican reported

only came to light Saturday.

startles faithful MANILA (R) - Filipina

